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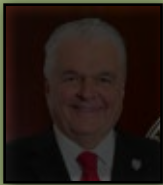
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**ON THE COVER:** A mosaic of photos submitted by Nevada Guard Soldiers and Airmen who answered the call to support the COVID-19 mission this spring symbolically combine to form the shape of the Silver State. More than 1,100 Soldiers and Airmen were activated to battle the coronavirus, the largest state activation in history.  
Photo mosaic assembled by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell  
Photos courtesy Nevada Guard Soldiers and Airmen

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# DEPLOYMENT ROUNDUP

## Deployments undeterred by worldwide pandemic

By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka  
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CARSON CITY – The effects of COVID-19 on the Nevada National Guard did not remain within the state's boundaries, as all five Army Guard units on international deployments were impacted by the worldwide scourge.

With the deployment of Det. 3, Company B, 2/641st in early January, the Nevada Army Guard found itself with five units deployed simultaneously for the first time since 2011. A total of nearly 210 Soldiers are on missions in three continents.

**3665th Explosive Ordnance Company:** While the pandemic slowed the majority of the deployed units, the responsibility of the 3665th actually expanded. About 30 of the unit's Soldiers are supporting Operation Freedom's Sentinel in the Central Command area of responsibility.

"Some large changes out here have resulted in our company shifting to take over the entire explosive ordnance footprint of the theater," wrote 1st Sgt. Benjamin Hopper from the unit's CENTCOM base. "The virus has shaken things up, but we maintain our 24/7 emergency responses – now at locations all over the theater."



Photo courtesy 757th CSSB

The 757th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, now deployed in Poland, is set to oversee the placement of more than 875 vehicles throughout European Command in the next few months. The battalion left for Poland in January and is set to support the upcoming Defender 2020 military exercise.

Hopper wrote 3665th Soldiers are becoming familiar with their new bases and areas of responsibility.

The 3665th left southern Nevada last August and is set to return to its home in Henderson this summer – if usual Department of Defense travel resumes.

"We look forward to getting back," Hopper wrote.

**G Co., 2/238th Aviation:** The first 30 Soldiers who deployed with G Company to Central Command last autumn and were expected to return in April are still abroad after being delayed by travel restrictions.

The thirty Soldiers from the unit who were set to rotate into CENTCOM to replace the unit's original iteration of Soldiers did leave Nevada in May for pre-deployment training in Texas but they will remain stateside until travel restrictions are relaxed.

"The virus has taken over most things here," wrote company commander Capt. Nigel Harrison. "Everything is closed and we are wearing face covering when we are in public."

Harrison said the company was emphasizing training as well as knocking out college classes and spending lots of time at the gym while awaiting its return trip to the Silver State. The unit has been performing medical evacuation and personnel recovery missions since last autumn.

**757th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion:** The headquarters element of the 757th left for Poland in early January to support European Command's Operation Assured Response



Photo courtesy 3665th EOD

Soldiers in the 3665th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company train for a variety of ordnance disposal scenarios while deployed in the Central Command Area of Responsibility. The responsibilities of the 3665th actually expanded in the wake of the worldwide pandemic. The unit left Henderson last August and should be home this summer once Department of Defense travel restrictions are eased.





Photo courtesy CENTCOM

Black Hawk helicopter crews from the 2/238th Aviation approach the landing zone during a medical evacuation mission in Central Command in December. About 60 2/238th Soldiers are participating in two rotations of a roughly one year deployment. A ground Soldier took this photo and forwarded it to the unit.

and ostensibly the huge Defender 2020 exercise. That exercise has been scaled back, but the battalion still has Soldiers busy at seven sites supporting missions across Eastern Europe.

Although there have been no cases among the 757th Soldiers, COVID-19 remains a serious concern in Poland, Command Sgt. Maj. Shauna Reese wrote via email in April.

Soldiers can only travel in groups of five or less and all training is limited to five Soldiers or less or conducted via the Global Video System. The base gym is closed but the post exchange remains open.

Reese wrote the unit is finding bright spots during its less-than-anticipated activity.

“Overall, the team has been amazing,” Reese wrote. “The time we took in selecting the team for this deployment has paid dividends. We have had several wins over the past few weeks including: Soldier and noncommissioned officer promotions, success on the Army Physical Fitness Test and a Virtual 5- and 10-kilometer run that reinvigorated running and competitiveness on post.”

**Bravo Company, 1/189th Aviation:** About 60 Soldiers in B Company are steadily progressing toward the conclusion of its deployment to Kuwait and surrounding countries while supporting Central Command’s Spartan Shield. The unit operates and maintains the Nevada Army Guard’s six CH-47 Chinook helicopters.

“We’re chugging along,” wrote unit commander Zack Taylor-Warren in April. “There has been a slight downturn in the operations tempo due to COVID-19, but we are still moving people and cargo around the region. We are practicing social distancing and face coverings are mandatory.”

Taylor-Warren said the Soldiers can smell the finish line. The unit should be home by early autumn.

“The end is in sight and we have started planning for re-deployment,” Taylor-Warren wrote. “We are being told we can expect to be back in Nevada on schedule.

“Everyone is definitely missing their families and is ready to get back home.”

Bravo Company has fallen under the 34th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade for the duration of its deployment. That brigade supports the 34th Red Bull Infantry.

**Det. 3, Company B, 2/641st Aviation:** The small unit (often referred to as Detachment 45) that maintains and operates the Nevada Army Guard’s lone C-12 Huron fixed-wing aircraft left for Africa in January. The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically impacted the unit’s number of flights.

“We are not grounded but are limited to transportation on general officer-approval only,” wrote commander Chief Warrant Officer 5 James Anderson. “Because of that, every flight has been cancelled. Our base is closed to commercial and civilian traffic.”



Photo courtesy 3665th EOD

**DISARM THE SITUATION:** Staff Sgt. Michael Pacheco, of the 3665th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company trains for ordnance disposal scenarios while deployed in the Central Command Area of Responsibility. The unit should be home this summer once DOD travel restrictions end.

## General counsel: West Point alum heads judge advocate general staff

By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka  
Joint Force Headquarters

CARSON CITY — Newly appointed staff judge advocate Lt. Col. Kevin Remus says that passing the bar exam in Nevada and California was a breeze in comparison to his four challenging years at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York. Remus, Class of 1998, succeeded Col. Melissa Hagen as the Nevada Guard's top attorney last December.

In his position, Remus, 44, of Las Vegas, advises and provides guidance to Adjutant General Brig. Gen. Ondra Berry and other commanders on myriad subjects, including ethics and personnel actions. He also oversees joint judge advocate general staff comprised of nine Army and four Air Force attorneys and clerks. The Judge Advocate General's corps is the branch of the military that specializes in military



Photo courtesy 17th Sustainment Brigade

**One of just three West Point graduates in the Nevada Army Guard, Lt. Col. Kevin Remus, left, now heads the judge advocate general staff.**

justice and military law.

Remus is one of three West Point graduates in the Nevada Army Guard. The others are Brig. Gen. Michael Hanifan, Class of 1986, and Maj. Layne Christopher, Class of 2006. Hanifan is the assistant adjutant general and Christopher is the state partnership program coordinator.

"I aim to make our state's JAG staff

an accessible, visible team across the state to both Soldiers and Airmen," Remus said.

Remus has been a familiar face to Guardsmen in southern Nevada since joining the Nevada Army Guard in 2012. He was the brigade JAG for the 17th Sustainment Brigade during its 2016 deployment to Kuwait.

A native of Madison, New Jersey, Remus completed his bachelor's degree in civil engineering at West Point in 1998 and was an active-duty officer in the engineer branch of the Army. From 2004-2008, he was a ROTC instructor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. That stint was interrupted by a deployment to Afghanistan with the Oregon National Guard's embedded training team in 2006.

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## In wake of emotional killing, strive for constructive – not destructive – response

*“For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.” Luke 12:48, King James Version of the Bible*

As a former law enforcement veteran with 25 years on the Reno Police Department, and as a black man, I am filled with a variety of emotions stirred by the killing of George Floyd. While I and many Americans struggle with these feelings, I encourage all of us to be constructive in our response, not destructive.

What we are witnessing is a defining moment in American history, and how we choose to react in this time of struggle will shape the future of our democracy.

Yes, our nation is a symbol of greatness, but even that distinction comes with flaws. One of our most critical sins is the systemic racism born from the sin of slavery.

Now is not the time to be tone-deaf, but listen to what this moment in history is saying to all of us. We can't define anyone's emotions or feelings of what is going on in our nation, but we can be a force for good.

In these chaotic times, we are reminded that democracies are not perfect. Our Founding Fathers alluded to America's imperfections in the opening sentence of the U.S. Constitution: “We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union...” This document afforded us many freedoms, yet for some Americans, the promise of equality seems like an ongoing battle. Yet, today we continue to fight for America's pledge of liberty and justice for all. And we must remember, the right to free speech is in the Constitution and protesting has been a part of this country since the Boston Massacre.

As members of the Nevada National Guard, we swear to defend the Constitution. We stand ready to protect life, property and ensure peaceful protest under the First Amendment. We are expected to be role models of America's promise.

We invoke the American spirit of hope, freedom, and courage, especially when we put on the uniform. And because we represent the values of this nation, we are required to serve it with integrity, not only in our words but our actions.

We must hold each other accountable when we witness injustice. As the Irish philosopher Edmond Burke once said, “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”

We must also strive for unity. We are a country founded on individualism, but this is a moment requiring us to think more about the collective “We the people.” As Americans, we must come together, with our laws, philosophies, and traditions, to persevere through the turmoil and continue to form a more perfect union.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Ryan Getsie

Sgt. Anthony Thomas of the 72nd Military Police Company loads a riot shield into a unit vehicle in preparation for any potential extreme civil disturbances in Las Vegas in early June. For more than a week in late spring, more than 100 Nevada Army Guard Soldiers were on duty ready to assist law enforcement agencies if periods of uncontrolled civil unrest occurred. The Soldiers ended their duty on June 8 with no serious altercations or incidents reported

We can no longer tolerate a United States that is not united. Whether as members of law enforcement, the Nevada National Guard, or civilian organizations, we must work together to do what is right.

I believe all Americans have a responsibility to lead the change we desire in this country. The Bible tells us, “to whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required,” and as Americans, we have been afforded great freedoms. Therefore, we are required to ensure those freedoms are achievable for all citizens of our country.

I also believe that connection through civil discourse will be key to healing our nation's wounds. I challenge all of us to listen to the voices who are pleading to be heard with open hearts and minds.

Also, be willing to engage in courageous conversations to better understand the humanness in all of us. Everyone, regardless of military or civilian affiliation, has an obligation to dispense hope – not hate – and to uphold our name as the United States of America.

# DROP ZONE



Photo by Sgt 1st Class Christina Repetto

**SUVA, Fiji** — Master Sgt. Cameron Anderson, right, of the State Partnership Program, conducts range operations in support of Soldiers in the Republic of Fiji Military Forces last winter. The Fijian Soldiers were set to join Kingdom of Tonga and Nevada Guard Soldiers during the 2020 Best Warrior Competition in March, but that contest was postponed to the COVID-19 pandemic. Fiji and Tonga are the two partner countries for the Nevada Guard under the auspice of the SPP.



Photo by Brad Horn

**CARSON CITY** — A 152nd Airlift Wing C-130 aircraft flies over Carson-Tahoe Hospital in late April in support of Operation American Resolve. The morale flyover was part of the High Rollers' salute to medical professionals who battled COVID-19 throughout the spring. The three-ship formation took off from the Nevada Air Guard base in Reno and first flew over Renown South Medical Center. During the course of the lunch hour, the formation then flew hundreds of miles over other medical facilities in Carson City, Gardnerville, South Lake Tahoe, Truckee, Fernley, Fallon, Silver Springs before returning to Reno.



Photo courtesy Nevada Air Guard Task Force 152

**WINNEMUCCA** — Senior Airman Nick Taylor of the Nevada Air Guard delivers food to a Native American community in Humboldt County in May. Four Airmen from Task Force 152, based in Reno, traveled to nine separate Native American communities as far east as Ibapah, Utah, in two days to deliver food and alleviate any shortages caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Other rural deliveries were made to sites near Wells, Goshute, Ely, Duckwater and Elko.





Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Curtis Ray

**ELK, Poland —** Nevada Army Guard Command Sgt. Maj. Shauna Reese, right, of the 757th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, fields questions from Polish ROTC students during a celebration at the Military Education Center that marked International Women's Day in March. The 757th deployed to Poland in January to support European Command. Also addressing the students were linguist Martyna Kedzierska, left, and public affairs officer Maj. Olha Vandergriff.



Photo courtesy 7th Infantry Division

**JOINT BASE LEWIS-McCHORD, Wash. —** Sgt. Ernest Lopez, 30, of Las Vegas and the 72nd Military Police Company, with arm raised, emerged as the champion in the 125-pound class at the 7th Infantry Division Bayonet Combatives Tournament this spring at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington. Sgt. Lincoln Delgado, 32, of Las Vegas, also represented the 72nd MPs in the 205-pound division. Lopez easily won his first two matches on the opening day. In the semifinal, Lopez won by submission 90 seconds into the match with an unrelenting armbar. On the ultimate day of the contest, Lopez won his class with a technical knockout in Round 2. Maj. Gen. Xavier Brunson of the 7th Infantry recognized Lopez's accomplishment with an Army Achievement Medal and a 7th ID Champion's medal. Delgado won one of his first three matches but did not advance to the semifinals.



Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell

**LAS VEGAS —** Nevada Army Guard Soldiers from various units and police officers with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department receive a briefing at dusk at the Las Vegas Readiness Center prior to the 2020 New Year's Eve celebration. More than 100,000 people annually descend on the Las Vegas Strip to ring in the New Year in "America's Party." At the request of the governor, the Nevada Guard has supported the party for nearly 20 years, ensuring safety for both Nevada residents and visitors.

# 1st Nev. Guard female Armor officer another sign of combat arms integration progress

Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell; Inset photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka

Second Lt. Katarina Schumacher of the 1-221st Cavalry squadron takes time out for a photo in front of the display tank at the Floyd Edsall Readiness Center in January. INSET: Schumacher walks to work at the University of Nevada, Reno. She's the intake coordinator for the Veterans Services Office.



By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka  
Joint Force Headquarters

ORCHARD TRAINING SITE, Idaho  
— Zero.

That's how many females were among the 700 Nevada Army Guard Soldiers who deployed to Afghanistan with the 1-221st Cavalry squadron during its 2009-2010 combat mission. The few females in the squadron at the time were precluded from deploying with the unit due to the Army's antiquated rules excluding female Soldiers 10 / **BATTLE BORN** / Summer 2020

from serving with combat arms units while in a combat zone.

But the Army and the 1-221st Cavalry – the Nevada Guard's largest combat arms unit – have come a long way. Bolstered by the Defense Department's 2015 announcement that all-gender based military restrictions were lifted, female Soldiers are, ho hum, commonplace in the 1-221st. There are currently 94 females out of 625 total Soldiers in the 1-221st, or 15 percent of its ranks, and they'll be in the midst

of the fray during the squadron's next combat deployment.

It's true that many of the squadron's female Soldiers work for the combat arms unit in non-combat arms occupations including medical, supply and maintenance positions. But with the squadron's current corps of female officers in leadership positions (See article next page), it's inevitable that within a few years, a high percentage of the combat arms positions within 1-221st will be filled by female Soldiers.



### Schumacher provides foothold in Armor

The first female Armor officer in the Nevada Army Guard, 2nd Lt. Katarina Schumacher, 24, of Reno, has opened a new realm for women seeking Army combat arms opportunities. A platoon leader, she is in charge of four M1A1 tanks and 16 Soldiers in D Company, the lone unit in the Nevada Army Guard equipped with tanks.

Her leadership position in Delta Company also makes her a key figure in the squadron's drive to meet the Army's "Leaders First" requirements. The Leaders First concept requires two leaders (an officer or noncommissioned officer) in the same combat arms company before the assignment of female junior enlisted Soldiers. With one more leader in Delta Company, dozens of combat arms positions in the unit will open to female recruits. (There is one other female Soldier in Delta Company, Spc. Mikaela Figueroa, but she does not yet qualify due to her rank and supply job.)

#### 'I just clicked with the atmosphere'

There are countless female officers, cadets, candidates and noncommissioned officers in the Army capable of filling a leadership position in Delta Company in the near future, but it may be awhile before the Army Guard finds another female Soldier like Schumacher who's nonplussed by the rough-and-tumble atmosphere of the armored cavalry and unperturbed by some of the realities of the job, not the least of which is going weeks without a shower.

Indeed, all of Schumacher's life experiences seem to combine to give her the perfect blend of traits needed for an Armor officer. As Katarina grew up, the Schumacher family spent time in Fallon, Spring Creek, Sparks and finally Las Vegas as Katarina's mom, Erika, accepted various Bureau of Land Management positions across the state.

"It was a very outdoorsy childhood," Katarina said. "All of the time on our family vacations was spent camping and hiking."

After graduating from Arbor View High in Las Vegas in 2014, she started college at the University of Nevada, Reno, and began taking ROTC classes her freshman year.

As she neared her commissioning, then-Maj. Nick Chavez, now a lieutenant colonel and the 1-221st Cavalry squadron commander, questioned Schumacher on which branch of the Army she planned to

(See CAV OFFICER, Page 27)



Courtesy photo

First Lt. Amanda Kemberling, left, and Capt. Michelle Tucay are two familiar female officers in the 1-221st Cavalry in recent years whose leadership positions signified the progress of gender integration in the Nevada Army Guard's largest combat arms unit. Kemberling, who is now in the Texas Army Guard, was the Nevada Army Guard's first female combat arms officer and Tucay is the squadron's forward support company's first female commander.

## Female cav Soldiers skirted gender inequality for decades

By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka  
Joint Force Headquarters

CARSON CITY — Although it's been a scant few years since the Department of Defense removed its gender-based restrictions for combat, female Soldiers have been contributing to the 1-221st Cavalry Squadron — the largest combat arms unit in the Nevada Army Guard — for decades.

Command Sgt. Maj. Paul Kinsey, who was in the 1-221st from 1985-2018, remembers female medics assisting the squadron in the mid-1990s at Fort Irwin, Calif., when it was serving in its role as opposition forces for the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. The medics were attached to the 1-221st and not full-fledged troopers.

"Regardless of what unit they were officially in, they were out there with us and we were glad to have their support," said Kinsey, who is now the joint operations (J-3) sergeant major.

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. James Richardson recalls that the 1-221st skirted the gender rules in the late 1990s when it took now-retired Sgt. 1st Class Pat Rucker under its wing after Rucker's previous unit disbanded. She drilled with the 1-221st for several years and actually appeared in the unit's manning roster in the personnel

section. With her ubiquitous first name, the headquarters brass in Carson City was never the wiser.

From 2004-2006, more than 500 cavalry Soldiers participated in a domestic deployment at Fort Irwin and backfilled the 11th ACR when the Blackhorse Regiment deployed to Iraq. Unable to deploy due to the combat arms restrictions of the time, the 1-221st welcomed the non-deployable female Soldiers from the 11th ACR's support company — dozens of fuel drivers, medics and mechanics.

After the Fort Irwin deployment concluded, female Nevada Soldiers attached to cav staffed positions in the 1-221st, albeit they were unable to deploy.

One of those Soldiers was retired Sgt. 1st Class Jeannie Morgan, who was the platoon sergeant for the Headquarters and Headquarters Troop's medical platoon from 2007-2010. She remembers working for three memorable first sergeants: Don Sanders, Glenn Roberts and current state Command Sergeant Maj. Michael Spaulding.

"It was my best experience in the Nevada Guard along with working on the Honor Guard team," Morgan said.

But Morgan and her would-be sisters-in-arms were left at home once again during the cavalry's 2009-2010 deployment to

(See CAV WOMEN, page 27)

# In This T Nevada Guard b

## Coronavirus health response proves to be largest activation in state history

More than 1,100 Soldiers, Airmen battle invisible invader

By Staff Sgt. Ryan Getsie,  
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and Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka

CARSON CITY — The most unlikely of invaders into the state — the microscopic coronavirus that caused thousands of respiratory tract infections and hundreds of deaths this Spring — set the Nevada Guard into motion for its largest domestic response effort in state history. About 25 percent of all of the state's Guardsmen were activated to battle the invisible but deadly invader on a broad-spectrum of fronts.

At the height of the action in late April, the Nevada Guard had about 1,150 Soldiers and Airmen on state active duty supporting more than 25 different COVID-19 response missions. The missions ran the gamut from two Airmen driving 57 boxes of personal protective equipment from Reno to Elko in a day to long-term logistical support at Cashman Field by 150 Soldiers.

As of May 5, 5,594 Nevadans had tested positive for COVID-19 and 267 had died from coronavirus. About a half dozen Nevada Guardsmen had tested positive (see related article); none had died.

"Nevadans took unprecedented and historic steps these past months to ensure we could combat the spread of COVID-19 and flatten the curve," said Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry. "We've asked a lot out of our citizens and we've asked a lot out of our Nevada National Guardsmen.

"This is what we train for. This is what we prepare for. This is what we do. Now we are showing the world how to fight this pandemic right here in the homeland."

The story was the same across the nation, as more than 46,000 Guardsmen were



Photo by Brad Horn

Senior Airman Dawn Harris takes a swab sample from a civilian at a Community Based Collection Site at Carson High School in early May.

activated to support the COVID-19 battle. That number was just short of the 51,000 called to duty in the wake of Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

As February began, coronavirus was just an odd sounding ailment causing havoc in distant China. The first inkling that the National Guard would be involved in the health response came on Feb. 6 when 70 Americans who had been living in Wuhan, China, were placed into quarantine at the Nebraska National Guard's Camp Ashland training site.

The situation simmered into March with some global travel restrictions, but boiled over on March 11 when a professional basketball player, Rudy Gobert, tested positive for COVID-19 and the entire National Basketball Association season was postponed.

The domino effect quickly struck the Nevada Guard as events scheduled for mid-March, including the Best Warrior contest and the Adjutant General's Marksmanship Match, were canceled. The majority of Nevada Military Department employees began tele-working from home and, on March 16, the Department of Defense halted all domestic travel including temporary duty travel.

The inevitable then occurred April 6 when Gov. Steve Sisolak called up 106 initial Guardsmen to join the fray and support federal and state agencies trying to quell the pandemic.

Seven hundred more were called up on April 14, bringing the total number to more than 800 and making the response the largest in state history, surpassing the previous



# Together: Battles COVID-19



Gov. Steve Sisolak, left, and Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry get a briefing at a Community Based Collection Site in The Orleans Casino parking garage in early May.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Ryan Getsie

record of 400 for the post-Rodney King race riots of 1992.

Although it had committed about 800 Guardsmen for support, the Nevada Guard actually had more than 1,100 Soldiers and Airmen on various missions daily in April and May (including about 140 Active Guard and Reserve members.) April 24 was the high-water mark for support with 1,151 Soldiers and Airmen on duty.

On most days, there were about 650 Guardsmen supporting operations in southern Nevada and about 450 based in northern Nevada.

## Unified effort

Throughout the state, Guardsmen traded in their Kevlar helmets and small arms weapons for personal protective equipment as they helped test citizens and ostensibly curb the spread of the disease.

The largest and longest individual mission was carried out by Task Force-17, composed mainly of Soldiers in the 17th Sustainment Brigade. They ran support operations at Cashman Field in Las Vegas for several weeks beginning in mid-April. Space at Cashman Field was used during the pandemic to shelter displaced persons after other shelters were closed due to the spread of coronavirus. About 150 Soldiers worked at Cashman Field.

"We are extremely pleased to have the

Guard here," said Cashman Field incident commander Lisa Hibbler. "This is a 24/7 operation and we really needed the individuals who are trained and have technical skills."

Rick Rosen of Team Rubicon assisted with the training of the Soldiers and – as a retired sergeant major – was pleased seeing Guardsmen support a non-traditional contingency.

"(This pandemic) has exposed Guardsmen to a different type of mission that they're normally not accustomed to," Rosen said. "Most of the time during an emergency, they're filling sand bags, moving people, or helping feed them.

"In this case, we have a pandemic. They're going to learn about what that is and how all of us work together to handle it."

On smaller scales, the scenes of support were repeated daily across the state as about 20-25 missions were ongoing.

As the curve flattened and the spread appeared to stabilize, community based collection sites for coronavirus testing moved to the forefront.

Testing for those with no symptoms (asymptomatic) became available in Carson City and Las Vegas on May 5. Three hundred people drove into the Community Based Collection Site at The Orleans that day with Nevada Guard guiding citizens through the testing process.

## Morale mission

One of the Nevada Guard's most visible missions couldn't be measured in terms of boxes delivered or masks distributed.

On April 28, the 152nd Airlift Wing conducted Operation American Resolve, a COVID-19 morale flyover to salute northern Nevada's health workers.

Three of the wing's C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft took off in Reno and passed over the Renown South Medical Center at noon and subsequently flew over Carson Tahoe Hospital in the capital city; Carson Valley Medical Center in Gardnerville; Barton Memorial Hospital in South Lake Tahoe, Calif.; Tahoe Forest Hospital in Truckee, Calif.; St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Reno; Renown Regional Medical Center; VA Sierra Nevada Health Care Center, the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, and Northern Nevada Medical Center in Sparks.

The aircraft then went east to the Banner Health Center in Fernley; Lahontan Valley VA Clinic and Banner Churchill Community Hospital in Fallon; and finally Silver Springs Rural Health Centers.

## End of the tunnel?

One sign that the Army was not going to kowtow to the virus came on May 7 as family and friends – and Sisolak – bade farewell to the aviation Soldiers in the 2/238th Aviation unit before they traveled to Texas for pre-deployment training before heading to the CENTCOM region for their medical evacuation mission. They were set to replace an earlier set of 238th Soldiers who departed in September; as of mid-May, those Soldiers were in Department of Defense limbo, awaiting their return transportation back to Nevada.

Their departure event was the first in Nevada Guard history to be held with all of the participants wearing face coverings and with everyone maintaining 6 feet of social distance.

"I wish you the best on this upcoming most-unique of deployments and look forward to welcoming you home in a few months – perhaps even without a face covering and with a hearty handshake. Or at least an elbow bump," Sisolak said.



# Critical civilian health care workers maintain frontline posts vs. pandemic

By 1st Lt. Emerson Marcus  
152nd Airlift Wing

RENO — During the largest state activation in Nevada Guard history, many Soldiers and Airmen remained at their critical civilian medical posts rather than report for military duty. Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry fully backed the decision for those in civilian health care to prioritize their crucial positions instead of joining a Nevada Guard task force.

The Nevada Guard compiled a list at the start of the pandemic to determine how many Guardsmen work as civilian medical professionals. According to the list, more than 240 Nevada Guard Soldiers and Airmen work as medical professionals as nurses, doctors, dental technicians or in other medical fields.

One of the vital civilian medical workers was 1st Lt. Sparkle Mccuiston of the 152nd Medical Group. She came into contact with countless confirmed cases while working her civilian job as an infectious disease nurse practitioner in Las Vegas.

“In my opinion, it may not be nearly as deadly as some diseases I come in contact with, such as tuberculosis, which killed 1.5 million people in 2018,” Mccuiston said in April. “(COVID-19) hasn’t reached those mortality levels. The part that is concerning is the supplies and ability to keep seeing the patients along with the availability of beds. It’s hit fast. It’s hit very quickly.”

She drills one weekend a month and two weeks each year as clinical nurse specialist at the Nevada Air National Guard’s C-130 airlift wing unit in Reno.

The first confirmed case in Nevada occurred in late March. There were more than 8,000 confirmed cases in the state as of late May, including more than 400 deaths, according to the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services. Most of those confirmed cases are in Las Vegas. Nationwide, there have been more than 5.6 million confirmed cases with more than 100,000 deaths, said the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in late May.



Courtesy photos

1st Lt. Sparkle Mccuiston of the 152nd Medical Group is seen in her Air Force service dress uniform and in her scrubs that serve as her uniform in her civilian occupation as an infectious-disease nurse practitioner in Las Vegas.

Mccuiston, 30, said she’s worked at several hospitals during the pandemic, including Desert Springs, Southern Hills, Spring Valley and the Kindred long-term care facility. She regularly works at multiple hospitals each day.

Given her close contact with the virus, Mccuiston said one of her biggest fears is passing COVID-19 to other people, especially the elderly. She has quarantined herself at home when not at work and avoids shopping for groceries. Her boyfriend leaves the house to purchase essential items.

“I try to limit my exposure to everybody,” Mccuiston said. “I have not exposed myself to anybody outside our home and only come into contact with people outside when I’m at work. Nurses are getting (COVID-19). It’s definitely spreading in the community faster than many expected.”

“Medical providers are essential to the hospitals where they work,” said Col. Martin Bain, the Nevada Guard’s State Air Surgeon who works full-time as a civilian trauma surgeon in the surgical intensive care unit at Renown Regional Medical Center in Reno. “We do everything we can to keep (Guard health workers) functional in their

civilian jobs where we think they have the most impact.”

About 75 percent of the Nevada National Guard’s 4,300 Soldiers and Airmen train one weekend each month and two weeks each year to stay proficient in their military occupations. For Mccuiston, the Guard helped pay for much of her associate and bachelor degrees, putting her on a path to complete her masters in 2018.

Mccuiston, who initially joined the Army Guard’s Medical Detachment in 2009 before transferring to the Air Guard in 2015, said she’s taken countless calls from family and friends asking questions about COVID-19. Since the outbreak in Las Vegas, she’s also seen an alarming spike in patients frustrated with medical professionals, a situation that concerns her.

“The biggest misconception is some people think we are not doing anything for them,” Mccuiston said, “This is a virus. If you are healthy and have minor symptoms, please don’t go to urgent care. Please self quarantine.”

“I’ve also gotten many calls from friends and family who are scared. I’ve tried to calm them down and tell them we need to get through this.”





Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell

**BREAK IN SERVICE:** Nevada Guard Soldiers, including Brig. Gen. Mike Hanifan, take a break for a photo at a food bank in Gardnerville in early May. The Soldiers assisted the food bank by packing and then distributing donated goods to Douglas County households affected by the COVID-19 outbreak.

## Med Det sergeant a forward observer to the COVID-19 fight at VA hospital

By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka  
Joint Force Headquarters

RENO — During the last few months while working as an emergency room nurse at the VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System's 174-bed main facility, Sgt. Matt Hoover had a front row view to the state's battle against the COVID-19.

Hoover, 39, of Reno, is also a health care specialist in the Nevada Army Guard's Northern Medical Detachment. Because he was deemed a critically important civilian medical professional, he was not among the 1,150 Guardsmen called up on the COVID-19 mission. Instead, he remained at his civilian post treating patients — mainly Veterans — displaying coronavirus symptoms.

A Washington Post article from mid-

April stated that more than 9,000 health care workers were infected with the virus because of their occupation. The VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System has reported three of its staff have died from COVID-19.

"It's definitely a serious illness," Hoover said. "One of my co-workers from the emergency room died and that really brought the seriousness of the entire matter home to me."

A spokeswoman for the VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System said she could not disclose how many total coronavirus patients the facility had treated since pandemic began, but she did note the number of COVID-19 patients was encouragingly low by late-April.

In his position, Hoover triages incoming patients and helps stabilize their

condition. The staff then assesses and monitors the patients and performs any needed procedures including intravenous injections and electrocardiogram tests.

Hoover said incoming patients with a cough or fever were quickly isolated and tested. Subsequent treatment was based on the severity of the virus on the individual's respiratory system. Some people were released to go home and recover in isolation while others would have to be intubated.

"It just all depends on the individual," Hoover said. "Some people have no serious issues or very slight symptoms.

"Others can't breathe at all and die."

Hoover, who recorded a stint as an Active Guard and Reserve Soldier for the Medical Detachment before becoming a registered nurse, said personal protective equipment was never a major issue.

"There were measures put in place early on to ensure we would have enough and we were reminded to not be wasteful," Hoover said.

Despite his close up view of the situation, Hoover said he is no clairvoyant and has no answer for how long coronavirus will hamper society. He said it's within the realm of possibility that Airmen and Soldiers will one day line up for annual coronavirus shots just like they do nowadays for their flu shots.

"Researchers can hopefully figure out a vaccine soon and we can just get shots for it and solve everything," Hoover said.



Photo courtesy of VA public affairs

Sgt. Matt Hoover, an emergency room nurse at the VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System, reviews a record at his nursing station.



# Community based collection support familiar mission for Nev. task forces

By Staff Sgt. Ryan Getsie  
17th Sustainment Brigade

LAS VEGAS — From Stateline in the West to Baker in the East, Nevada Guard support at COVID-19 community-based collection and testing sites became a familiar sight across the entire state this spring as officials tried to gain information on the widespread coronavirus pandemic and its impact on the state's citizens.

Whether they were collecting specimens or directing traffic through a collection site, the majority of Soldiers and Airmen on the five COVID-19 task forces established by the Nevada Guard assisted in some manner at a testing collection sites at some time. While the testing collection process looked familiar across the state, the town's populations ranged from tiny Pananca, population 963, to metropolitan Las Vegas, population 2.7 million.

Soldiers and Airman with Task Force Medical, Task Force 221 and Task Force 17 began their collaboration with civilian medical professionals at the University of Nevada School of Medicine – Las Vegas Patient Care Center in April. The task force later tested citizens at the The Orleans hotel before the site finally moved to the UNLV Tropicana parking garage in late May. As of early June, the site was in operation and anyone was welcome to receive a test for free.

The UNLV Tropicana site can test children of any age with parental consent.

1st Lt. Caleena Longworth, the officer in charge of Nevada Guard troops at the collection site, explained the specimen collection process.

"When citizens pull up, they meet with the specimen collection team. It consists of one civilian medical assistant who takes the patient's vital signs and does the swabbing and a National Guard medic," Longworth said. "The medic then checks the ID to make sure it matches and relays the vital signs to the administration tent. The military medic doesn't have direct contact with the patient."

Longworth said the Nevada Guard troops quickly refined the testing process



A Soldier with Task Force 17 directs traffic at The Orleans community based collection site in early May in Las Vegas.

in cooperation with the UNLV medical staff.

"They know what they're doing. They've been doing this for five weeks and make our job easy," Longworth said. "We basically augment and help them with the mission. They already worked out the kinks long ago."

Dr. Elissa Palmer, the Chairwoman of Family Medicine at the UNLV School of Medicine, said the team of her staff, Clark County and the Nevada Guard combined to create an effective testing site.

"I think it's an amazing collaboration with the Guard. We refine more efficient ways of doing things together," Palmer said. "We were testing about 250 patients per day, but with the National Guard here, we've been able to increase our numbers."

In the first three weeks of cooperative testing in Las Vegas, the team tested 13,605 people.

Although the Nevada Guard medics did not swab patients in Las Vegas, they took over that duty at several rural locations across the Silver State as Nevada officials

scoured every community in search of coronavirus hotspots and outbreaks.

In Winnemucca in May, Task Force 422 and Task Force 152 cooperatively tested more than 700 Humboldt County citizens.

In Lincoln County in June, Task Force 17 assisted at two community based collection sites, one in Alamo and one at Lincoln County High School. Fifteen Soldiers with Task Force 17 and five from Task Force Med traveled to distant Lincoln County from Las Vegas in early June. After testing 20 patients in Alamo on June 2, the contingent tested 60 citizens at the high school on June 3.

Pvt. Cheyann Harley of Task Force Med said she enjoyed the mild weather in eastern Nevada and her opportunity to help citizens in rural communities.

"It's good to be able to get out and help the smaller towns that may not have the support that's available in a big city like Las Vegas," Harley said.

For information on a free coronavirus test in southern Nevada, call 702-795-4932 or visit: [www.umesn.com](http://www.umesn.com).

Photo by Staff Sgt. Ryan Getsie



# Command Sgt. Maj Michael Spaulding

## Senior Enlisted Leader, Nevada National Guard

What an incredible time to be in the National Guard. While we unceasingly trained to fight our nation's wars, we also prepared to protect our homeland — and this spring has been our time to shine. With COVID-19 in our midst, we have more than 1,100 Nevada Guardsmen protecting, supporting, and helping our fellow Nevadans.

Even though we are in homeland response mode, we can't forget we need to continue to build and train our military.

Many of our Soldiers and Airmen have asked questions concerning recruiting and whether people can still join.

The answer is "yes." All of our recruiters are equipped with the proper protective equipment to protect themselves and a potential recruit.

We must remain fit, both mentally and physically. We have some incredible support for mental health, but in many cases, it is up to each of us to maintain our physical health.

I am sure you all have seen the many websites and apps dedicated to helping you stay physically fit while at home. Physical fitness is one of the many ways to maintain your mental fitness as well. We will not be relaxing standards because you cannot go to the gym.

If you need help formulating a workout you can do at home; please reach out to your leadership. We have



Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell

Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Spaulding gives a Facebook Live briefing to Nevada Guardsmen and their family members in April from the Division of Emergency Management building in Carson City

our Master Fitness Trainers who can help both Soldiers and Airmen generate fitness plans.

Soldiers, the Army Combat Fitness Test is coming! No later than October 2020, the ACFT will be the Army test of record. You can check it out at <https://www.army.mil/acft/>

There are many resources to show you how to prepare for the test and pass the event. If you have not done the test, it is a fun test. There is nothing hard to get through if you spend some time preparing for it.

We have also fielded many questions regarding whether or not

promotions will continue. I assure all of our Soldiers and Airmen that our promotions will continue. We have made some changes to ensure that every Soldier and Airman who is promotion eligible has the opportunity. Please get with your leadership and they can give you the latest updates. If you are not receiving answers in a timely manner, email me and I will ensure they get to you. The Army's board will be in September.

As I have visited our Soldiers and Airmen serving in the north and south, I am overwhelmed with a sense of pride. I welcome the opportunity to put on the uniform daily and serve with 4,200 of the state's top men and women.

I also want to underscore the fact we make a difference.

Some of you have said to me it doesn't feel like you make a difference. Ask yourself this though: How many people thank you for your presence? Do not belittle your seemingly small missions like delivering supplies or assisting with manual labor tasks: You are the true enablers of this COVID-19 Warfight and are the unsung heroes who make a difference.

I thank every Guardsman who serves our country and our communities. Thank you for being great Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen. that our commanders-in-chief have come to rely on.

**FIGHT ON! BATTLE BORN!**



Photo by Staff Sgt. Ryan Getsie

A Nevada Guardsman, right, with Task Force Medical works alongside a UNLV medical assistant at a voluntary COVID-19 testing site in April in Clark County.





Photo by 1st Lt. Emerson Marcus  
The Elko County Readiness Center in Carlin, formerly the University of Nevada, Reno Fire Science Academy, is set to become the home of Nevada's Youth ChalleNge Academy

# New director anticipates 'top-performing Youth ChalleNge program' in Nevada

By 1st Lt. Emerson Marcus  
152 Airlift Wing

CARLIN — Lauren Schulman hit the ground running in January as the first Nevada Youth ChalleNge director in state history.

There's good reason for her non-stop activity — she has a lot of work to do in a short amount of time.

Her goal is to quickly turn the Elko County Readiness Center in Carlin, formerly the University of Nevada, Reno, Fire Science Academy, into a "top-performing Youth ChalleNge program" with classes set to begin in June 2021.

"We're fortunate to have the gold standard campus," said Schulman, who has worked in the Texas National Guard's Youth ChalleNge since 1994, most recently as the program director at the campus in Eagle Lake, Texas. "I'm really excited about being in Carlin and being able to train cadets in an environment that is not only safe but palatable to learn in."

Nevada's program will be called the Battle Born Youth ChalleNge Academy.

Youth ChalleNge is a voluntary, 17-month (five-month residential) coed program designed to assist 16-18 year old high school dropouts and at-risk students graduate high school on time. It includes educational and life skill components and is funded 75 percent with federal money if the state covers 25 percent of the costs.

During the 2019 Legislative Session in Carson City, lawmakers, including Gov. Steve Sisolak, approved state funding of \$500,000 annually for the program in conjunction with the \$1.5 million in anticipated federal funds. Initial funds will go toward renovation of the Elko County Readiness Center and hiring of staff, which begins this summer, Schulman said.

Schulman anticipates a staff of about 50, including an operations staff of 22 team leaders, four shift supervisors, one commandant and one deputy commandant. The program's staff will also include a coordinator, chow hall staff, recruiters and the post-residential team who tracks cadet progress after students enter the year-long, post-residence portion of the course.

Schulman received the proverbial Youth ChalleNge torch from Grace Nichols and Heather Goulding, affectionately described as the "Tsunami Sisters" by former Adjutant General Brig. Gen. William Burks. Nichols and Goulding diligently worked with Nevada military officials to convince state lawmakers to approve the program in 2019. For their efforts, they were named one of six finalists for the Reno Gazette Journal "Citizen of the Year" award.

While Nichols and Goulding successfully pushed the program through the legislative process, it's up to Schulman to stand up the program in Nevada, the first of its kind in the state.

With the in-state program, Schulman said each class cycle will set an annual goal of about 100 male students and 50 female students.

"We want to make sure we are meeting the needs of the state in a coed environment," she said. "This is a great target to start with and within the first 3-5 years we can look to grow, but as we get started and train new staff, it's important to stay focused and make sure we are bringing in the right students."

Schulman described the program as



**Lauren Schulman:**  
Youth ChalleNge  
program director

a "scholarship." Because state funds are used for the program, it's important to accept applicants who will take the program seriously, she said. The program will fall under the directive of the Elko County School District, but applications will be accepted statewide.

"We want to be good stewards of state money and accept those who have the grit to stay committed throughout the program," she said.

When asked if she is worried about the remoteness of the campus in Elko County — one of the reasons the UNR Fire Science Academy did not succeed in the same location — Schulman was emphatic.

"There are absolutely advantages from the remoteness of the campus — no distractions," she said. "Most of these kids haven't climbed a tree in their lives. Having the opportunity to go on a hike or enjoy the fresh air is new and foreign to many of them. It's a huge benefit for our program, and it's the perfect place for us to make all kinds of noise at 5 a.m."

Schulman, an Air Force brat who studied Marine Biology at Texas A&M at Galveston, changed her career path as she began working at Youth ChalleNge in Texas in the mid-1990s and "fell in love with the program and less in love with the degree plan."

After two decades working in Texas and Washington, she's ready for a new location and a new challenge, she said.

"I'm hungry. I'm ready for the opportunity to help a different state. The level of support has been amazing, but we need that to continue. Nevada not only needs this, it deserves this," Schulman said.



# Historian's Notebook

## Nevada's first quarantine: The 1918 Influenza outbreak



By Emerson Marcus  
State Historian

The COVID-19 outbreak doesn't represent the first quarantine order implemented in Nevada to combat an infectious disease.

Similar to COVID-19, the 1918 Influenza Epidemic spread around the world. The epidemic arrived in Nevada in the spring of 1918 and returned even deadlier in October and November that year before tapering off in the spring of 1919.

After several confirmed cases became public in Washoe County in October 1918, government ordered the closure of Reno's high school, theaters, churches, saloons and other locations of large gatherings. Dr. M. A. Robinson, a member of the city's board of health, was quoted in the Reno Evening Gazette saying, "Precautions must be taken and everyone is asked to cooperate with the health authorities in keeping the disease from spreading."

The Western Shoshone Agency instructed members of the tribe to "not go to the store unless it is necessary," adding, "if you have to go to the store or office your wants will be attended to on the porches."

Children were "not allowed to mingle on the play grounds" and the University of Nevada, Reno implemented a campus-wide quarantine, according to newspaper reports. Initially, grade schools remained open with students leaving every other seat open — an early-20th century form of social distancing — but they

### QUARANTINE TO PREVENT SPREAD OF INFLUENZA STARTS TOMORROW

Churches and Theatres Must Close; No Public Meetings  
To Be Held; High School Is Closed for Week

### 43 DIED IN RENO FROM INFLUENZA

From October 12 to November 18 or three days over the period of quarantine there have been forty-three deaths in Reno due to influenza, according to the records kept by the board of health.

eventually closed. Hotels, schools and fraternal lodges around the state were converted into temporary hospitals.

University of Nevada President Walter Ernest Clark issued the following order: "Beginning (Oct. 11)...a military guard will be set about campus and no one will be allowed to go from the campus or to come on the campus except by express permission."

At the time of UNR's quarantine, Reno had a handful of confirmed cases, and no confirmed cases on campus, but university officials felt the threat of the flu demanded a serious response to "check the spread."

The epidemic also reached Tonopah where nine people died in the second weekend of November, the same week Germany signed an armistice agreement with the Allies to end World War I.

In all, Nevada had 4,000 confirmed cases, according to the Nevada health board, in a state with a total population of about 80,000 people. The 1918 flu killed about 675,000 nationwide. Most estimates put the total death count

worldwide at between 20 to 50 million.

In 2018, the Nevada State Museum in Las Vegas created an exhibit for the centennial of the 1918 Influenza. The exhibit noted that the 1918 flu killed 40 of Las Vegas' 2,000 residents, but those numbers are believed to be low because many who died with pneumonia during that time were not included in the total count.

While COVID-19 has proved most deadly for the elderly and people with underlying health conditions, the 1918 flu was deadliest for people between the ages of 15 and 45, according to the exhibit. The number of COVID-19 confirmed cases in Nevada reached 8,000, as of May 27, with 402 deaths, according to the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services.

"We will undoubtedly face hardship," Gov. Steve Sisolak said in reference to COVID-19. "There will be a loss of income. Families and individuals will be inconvenienced. I ask every Nevadan to call your neighbors, call and check on the elderly who may be alone and in need. Together, we will get through this challenging time."

### INFLUENZA HOLDING CARSON CITY IN ITS GRIP

### 50 INFLUENZA CASES IN TONOPAH; 5 DEATHS

# Adjutant General receives second star during rare COVID-19 respite

Staff reports

CARSON CITY — In a rare respite during the duo's combined coronavirus response effort, Gov. Steve Sisolak promoted Nevada National Guard Adjutant General Ondra Berry to the rank of major general in April during a subdued, private ceremony in the capital city.

Abiding by social distancing guidelines, only a handful of attendees saw Berry receive his second star from Sisolak, who is the commander in chief of the Nevada National Guard. Berry is the top officer in the Nevada National Guard and manages the Nevada Department of the Military, which includes the state's 4,300 Guardsmen. The Nevada Department of the Military is providing oversight of the Nevada Division of Emergency Management and the Department of Health and Human Services during the COVID-19 public health crisis.

With the recent retirement of Maj. Gen. Robert Herbert, Berry, 61, of Sparks, is the now the lone major general in the Nevada National Guard. Berry became a brigadier general in 2013 and succeeded Brig. Gen. Bill Burks as the state's Adjutant General on Sept. 1, 2019.

He is the first Adjutant General to attain the rank of major general since Maj. Gen. Cindy Kirkland, who retired in 2009. In his civilian occupation, Berry retired from the Reno Police Department after 25 years of service after reaching the position of deputy police chief. He was subsequently a senior vice president at MGM Resorts where he worked on diversity



Photo by Sgt. Walter H. Lowell

Gov. Steve Sisolak, left, and newly-promoted Nevada Guard Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry display Berry's new command flag in April. The flag serves as an identifying marker of the Adjutant General's location as Berry performs his duties.

initiatives.

## ENLISTED LEADERSHIP NEWS

Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis Basilio will become the Nevada Army Guard's next state command sergeant major, said Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry in a recent message. Basilio, 54, of North Las Vegas, was previously the 17th Sustainment Brigade command sergeant major. He will succeed Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Spaulding, who will remain the state's senior enlisted leader. Basilio will advise the adjutant general, the Army Guard commander and the senior enlisted leader on all matters concerning enlisted Soldiers in the Nevada Army Guard. Basilio was the command sergeant major for the 17th Special Troops Battalion when it deployed to Kuwait and surrounding countries in 2015-2016.

In the same message, Berry said Sgt. Maj. Gary Giddens will become the command sergeant major for the 757th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion. Giddens, 44, of Henderson, was the support operations sergeant major for the 17th Sustainment Brigade since 2017. Giddens also deployed to Kuwait and he has also served as the first sergeant for both Kilo Troop and the 777th Forward Support Company in the 1-221st Cavalry.

## KRUEGER NOW FULL BIRD COL.

Three general officers – Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry, Brig. Gen. Zach Doser and Brig. Gen. Mike Hanifan – took time out from the COVID-19 response to attend the promotion

ceremony of John Krueger to colonel in early April.

During the ceremony, Krueger, 44, of Reno, also received a Meritorious Service Medal for his work as the Director of the Nevada Guard's Human Resources Office from May 2017 through Sept. 2019.

It was also announced Krueger is the Chief of the Joint Staff and he is set to assist director Col. John Week during the state's COVID-19 health response.

Krueger is a signal corps branch officer and he quickly rose through the ranks of the



Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis Basilio



Command Sgt. Maj. Gary Giddens





**Col. John Krueger**

422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion to attain the rank of lieutenant colonel at age 38.

#### **991ST WELCOMES NEW CSM**

Command Sgt. Major Elbie Doege is the new command sergeant major of the 991st Aviation Troop Command after succeeding Command Sgt. Maj. Paul Kinsey following a change of responsibility ceremony on May 7. The ceremony occurred in the Army Aviation Support Facility in Stead following the departure of G Company, 2/238th Aviation for their CENTCOM mission. The 991st Aviation Troop command battalion includes four aviation units in the Nevada Army Guard. Doege was previously the State Partnership Program command sergeant major. Kinsey will remain the J3 Joint Operations command sergeant major. In his civilian occupation, Doege, of Red Bluff, Calif., is a marshal for the Supreme Court of Nevada.

"I am looking forward to this next step in my career and learning as much as I can about aviation," said Doege following perhaps the first change of responsibility ceremony that saw all of the participants wearing face coverings.

"In just a short time, my eyes have really been opened to how important each aviation Soldiers is to the success of the 991st units."



**Command Sgt. Maj. Elbie Doege**



Photo by Staff Sgt. Ryan Getsie

With husband John Harris, center, looking on, Lt. Col. Charles Dickinson, renders a salute to during his promotion ceremony this spring.

## **Couple enjoys long overdue inclusive promotion ceremony**

By Staff Sgt. Ryan Getsie  
17th Sustainment Brigade

LAS VEGAS – During the course of his more than two decades in the Army as both an enlisted Soldier and commissioned officer, Charles Dickinson of the 17th Sustainment Brigade enjoyed several memorable promotion ceremonies.

But his promotion to lieutenant colonel this spring surpassed all of his previous ceremonies because, for the first time since their relationship began, Dickinson's husband, John Harris, felt welcome to celebrate his achievement alongside him.

"To John, who's had to put up with a lot of bull throughout the years – perhaps more than anyone else – I love you and sincerely appreciate you," Dickinson said during his promotion speech. "This is the first time out of all my promotion ceremonies that my family has been here due to either deployments, locations or other circumstances."

Dickinson, 41, of North Las Vegas, met Harris in the spring of 2008. They were both students at UNLV and one day while both were studying at the library, they met and later shared lunch together. After spending more and more time with each other, they made a decision to live together in the fall of 2008.

Prior to his 2009 deployment to Kuwait, Dickinson and Harris held a private commitment ceremony at their house on March 29, 2009, to exchange their vows to each other before Dickinson embarked on a distant foreign mission.

At the time, the Don't Ask, Don't Tell directive and the Defense of Marriage Act were the prevailing military policies. Harris was not welcome to interact with family support groups or acquire federal health coverage and other benefits afforded traditional married couples. They were also denied basic separation compensation.

Dickinson explained that even after he returned home and adjusted back to normal life, there were still many challenges for the couple.

"We continued to live the good life at home while always dealing with the fear that my career could end or be hindered by our relationship," Dickinson said.

Even after the DADT policy was repealed and the Defense of Marriage Act was overturned, the couple feared the organization might be hesitant to accept their relationship. The two had many discussions about the topic and, when the Department of Defense finally included sexual orientation in its anti-discrimination policy in 2015, they ultimately did become legally married the same year.

Dickinson thanked Harris for sticking by his side during his military career.

"You've stuck with me through years and years of Don't Ask, Don't Tell, the Defense of Marriage Act when you didn't get any of the same (spousal) benefits, and in 2015 when the DOD finally provided some protections against anti-discrimination based on sexual orientation," Dickinson said.



Photo by Senior Airman Matthew Greiner  
Capt. Tennyson Hunter (call sign 'Wizard') takes the controls of a Nevada Air Guard C-130 aircraft during his Pilot for a Day event in December. The 152nd Airlift Wing recognized 'Wizard' for his resiliency and indefatigable attitude while battling Kabuki Syndrome.

# Young 'Wizard' takes to the skies as High Rollers' inaugural Pilot for a Day

By 1st Lt. Emerson Marcus  
152nd Airlift Wing

RENO — Every Air Force pilot gets a call sign, but the aviator never gets to pick it.

Within hours of his commission, Capt. Tennyson William Hunter, 13, received four final nominations for his call sign: He would either be known as "Kittens Mittens," "Chef," "Lotto," or "Wizard."

The first nominee was due to his love of cats. The second, because he enjoys baking. The third possibility was because the 152nd Airlift Wing "hit the jackpot" by recruiting him into its ranks. The fourth option stemmed from the fact Hunter is a fan of the J.K. Rowling book and movie series "Harry Potter."

It was a tough choice, but in the end, the Airmen of the 152nd Airlift Wing decided that "Wizard" should take flight.

The awarding of Hunter's call sign — announced during a ceremony in front of more than 150 Nevada Airmen in the Wing's auditorium — was one of several events on Hunter's schedule during the 152nd Airlift Wing's inaugural Pilot for a Day program held last winter at the Nevada Air National Guard Base in Reno. Pilot for 22 / **BATTLE BORN** / Summer 2020

a Day is an Air Force-wide program that provides chronically-ill children a chance to experience Air Force life.

Hunter, or "Tenny" as many call him, has Kabuki Syndrome, a congenital disorder triggered by a genetic mutation that affects multiple organ systems and causes developmental delays. He has had over a dozen surgeries throughout his life.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to have him out at the base because it showed all of our members the resiliency someone can have," said Tech. Sgt. Sean Bird, a life support specialist with the 152nd Airlift Wing. "It definitely put things in perspective."

Bird outfitted Hunter with his own flight suit complete with nameplate and patches that were provided by members of the base at no cost to the government.

Renown Children's Hospital nominated Hunter to be a Nevada Air National Guard Pilot for a Day.

"This event brought the base together and added perspective for each and every member of the High Rollers," said Senior Master Sgt. Paula Macomber, the 152nd Airlift Wing public affairs manager who oversaw the organization of the unit's first-ever Pilot for a Day program. "I was

shocked and humbled that so many of my co-workers put so much care and energy into making this an unforgettable event."

The day started with Hunter swearing in for a one-day oath of commission. Pilots briefed him on his "classified" mission before he received a tour of the 152nd Airlift Wing's C-130 aircraft. Hunter also visited the base firehouse, security forces and the Federal Aviation Administration's air traffic control tower before the day concluded with his retirement ceremony in the Wing headquarters' auditorium.

"Special things like this transcend many of our day-to-day tasks," said Maj. Joseph Jaquish, who briefed Hunter's mission and organized his call-sign ceremony. "The Air Force focuses a lot on metrics, data and other numbers, but some projects go beyond numbers. You can't quantify this."

Jaquish added: "What made the day so enjoyable was that Capt. Hunter was such a wonderful kid. I don't want people to lose sight of that."

Macomber said the 152nd Airlift Wing plans to organize a Pilot for a Day event annually at the base. To nominate a pilot, call 775-788-4515 or write to: paula.s.macomber.mil@mail.mil.



# High Rollers among 1st National Guard units to launch AFWERX spark cell

By 1st Lt. Emerson Marcus  
152nd Airlift Wing

LAS VEGAS — The active duty Air Force has established about 70 spark cells since the debut of AFWERX in 2017. But the active duty's monopoly on the program is decreasing as the National Guard becomes more involved in the innovative concept.

In February, the Nevada Air Guard's 152nd Airlift Wing, became the one of the latest units in the Air Force to establish a spark cell with the creation of its "Silver State Spark."

AFWERX — an Air Force buzzword and not an acronym — is a community of Air Force innovators who encourage and facilitate connections across industry, academia and the military to create transformative opportunities and foster a culture of innovation. It's mission is to solve problems and enhance the effectiveness of the service by enabling thoughtful, ground-up innovation.

The Silver State Spark promises to leverage the ingenuity of local Air Force intrapreneurs with non-traditional partners to create unique opportunities for the military's operational experts to collaborate with the top regional problem solvers in industry, academia and the government.

Intrapreneurs are widely defined as individuals working in either the private or public sector who take an initiative to create new ideas, products or processes.

"For more than a decade, we've seen the private sector, particularly the tech sector, move in this direction toward promoting new ideas and entrepreneurship as a bottom-up approach," said Col. Jacob Hammons, the 152nd Airlift Wing commander who

began planning for the creation of a spark cell shortly after he took command last November. "A spark cell gives Airmen of all ranks the opportunity to think creatively toward new and innovative solutions to the challenges they face in the daily conduct of flying, fighting and winning our nation's wars."

Maj. Greg Green, the 152nd Airlift Wing's spark team facilitator, attended three days of spark cell training in February at the AFWERX hub in Las Vegas. About 100 military and civilian Department of Defense employees attended the training.

"A spark cell is a grassroots innovation program that empowers Airmen to bring tomorrow's tools to the warfighter today," said Maj. Tony Perez, the AFWERX spark director who organized the training in Las Vegas.

Each spark cell in the Air Force is different because each unit is autonomous in the development of its own program.

Green's Silver State Spark program will give Airmen — with their commander's approval — the ability to spend up to five days during technician work hours or annual training days to research and plan an innovative proposal. At the conclusion of their research and finalization of the plan, an Airman will have the opportunity to present the proposal to their commander for potential implementation.

"Airmen are already approaching us with interesting ideas," Green said. "Undoubtedly, there's a demand for improving the way we do business."

For information or submissions, write to Green at [gregory.c.green6.mil@mail.mil](mailto:gregory.c.green6.mil@mail.mil).



Photo by 1st Lt. Emerson Marcus

The Nevada Air Guard's 152nd Airlift Wing boasts one of the newest AFWERX spark cells in the Air Force with the creation of the 'Silver State Spark.' About 70 spark cells have launched around the world since the Air Force debuted AFWERX in 2017 -- with the majority in the active duty.



Photo courtesy Utah National Guard  
Inset by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka

First Lt. Jessica Miller skis at the National Guard Bureau's Western Regional Championship in Utah in January. She won a total four medals in two National Guard biathlon meets during the winter.

## 4 medals: Army Guard nurse enjoys best biathlon season in team history

By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka  
Joint Force Headquarters

SOLDIER HOLLOW, Utah — Rad! Gnarly! Epic!

All of those overused slope-side slang terms perfectly described 1st Lt. Jessica Miller's winter biathlon season, as the nurse in the Army Guard's Medical Detachment based in Reno scored a total of four medals at the National Guard Bureau's regional and national championships. Miller won the bronze medal in both the novice sprint and pursuit races at each competition.

All of the races took place at the Soldier Hollow biathlon facility in Utah, the site of the 2002 Olympic biathlon races. Biathlon is the winter sport that combines cross country skiing and rifle marksmanship and is one of the four sports the National Guard Bureau annually sponsors.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Paul Santilena of Joint Force Headquarters also captured a medal for the Nevada Guard with his third place in the men's novice sprint at the regional race.

The five total medals were the first won by Nevada skiers since then-Sgt. Craig Kenison won two novice medals in the 2010 national championships.

"I was excited to help end a long drought for the Nevada biathlon team," Miller said. "Judging from our results in the novice races this year, the future of the team is promising. We have a strong core of young athletes who are committed to the sport."

The top team result for the Nevada Guard came in the national 24 / **BATTLE BORN** / Summer 2020

patrol race, as the Silver State skiers finished eighth.

Miller recorded her first national medal with her third place on the opening day of the meet when she finished the 7.5-kilometer course in 59 minutes, 9 seconds. Miller's teammate, Spc. Jonnie Miller of the 106th Public Affairs Detachment, was just 6 seconds behind in fourth place.

On the next day, Miller maintained her third place standing in the women's novice race by covering the 8.5-kilometer course in 1:21:43. She was helped by her prone shooting, hitting eight of her 10 targets.

Miller began her memorable season in January at the regional race with excellent shooting. Miller was the lone woman in the 7.5 kilometer novice sprint to hit all 10 of her targets. She continued her sharp shooting during the 10-kilometer pursuit race and hit 15 of 20 targets, including all 10 of her standing targets.

Blake was also fourth in both the sprint and pursuit at the regional races.

In the men's competition at regionals, Santilena proved to be the top marksman in the entire field that included teams from Oregon, Utah, Idaho, Colorado, California, Montana and Alaska as well as the Silver State. Santilena, who won a Governors Twenty tab in the state marksmanship contest last August, knocked down all 30 targets he faced during the competition and earned third place in the novice sprint and fifth place in the novice pursuit.

For information on representing the Nevada Guard in biathlon during the 2020-2021 season, call 775-887-7250.





# GOT YOUR SIX

Exploring services for service members

By Sgt. Walter H. Lowell

## Lights! Camera! Paycheck!:

### Vets2Set opens door to showbiz for Guardsmen, veterans

TRUCKEE, Calif. — When I finally win my Academy Award, one of the first organizations I'll thank will be Vets2Set. Vets2Set is the non-profit organization that helps veterans jumpstart a career in the commercial production business. Guard Soldiers and Airmen not on military duty are also eligible to work for Vets2Set.

My first assignment with Vets2Set was not a glamorous job in Hollywood. Instead, I served as a production assistant on a frigid day in the mountains near Truckee.

I never got the opportunity to yell "action" however. My job was to ensure road safety as a car commercial was recorded on Highway 40 with the winter wonderland of the Sierra Nevada as the backdrop. Southern California weather was only a pleasant thought as I was stationed in a snow-filled gully just off the highway with Donner Lake over my shoulder.

"All right, PAs, let's lock up the road for a run," warned the director on my radio.

Not even a snowshoe hare ventured onto my section of the highway.

"This is station three, my corner is all clear," I said, as I ducked behind a snowbank to watch out for any people or wildlife that may have wandered onto the closed course.

"Okay, roll the camera," the director declared. "Action on the car, action on the car!"

A moment later, two vehicles sped by. One was the specialized photography vehicle, complete with a crane loaded with a cluster of cameras with lenses affixed on the second late model vehicle (available for purchase in 2020.) The whining buzz of a drone flying over followed, and the shot was quickly completed.

Just two days prior to my stint as production assistant on the commercial, I had never heard of Vets2Set.

Two days before finding myself as an unlikely, first-time production assistant helping film a major car commercial, I was informed by a Soldier in the Recruiting and Retention office that an organization was seeking about six people interested in receiving compensation for working on a commercial.

The organization turned out to be Vets2Set.



My selfie next to the crew between shoots on the set of a commercial near the Sand Mountain Recreation Area, 30 miles southeast of Fallon.

They were seeking veterans in northern Nevada who wanted to acquire experience working in commercial production or were seeking a short-term lucrative job for about \$250 per day.

After reading about Vets2Set on vets2set.org, I spoke with retired Col. Maureen Weigl, the former director of personnel for the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and the co-founder/executive director of V2S for information.

According to Weigl, commercial production crews use V2S as a data base for potential production assistants as they go from location to location. Production assistants are hired to take care of myriad tasks on a shoot, ranging from safety to equipment movement to administrative chores.

Several of the experienced PAs I spoke with in Truckee recalled their previous assignments. Some assisted with make up and others worked with sound and camera crews. A few even ended up as "extras" in productions. Most of the full-time employees started their careers as production assistants.

Before arriving at their filming location, production companies contact local previous employees. If they can't find enough experienced PAs at a certain location, they contact companies such as V2S.

The company builds rosters of interested veterans across the nation. They forward contact information to the production team and the production team then contacts the veterans directly. V2S does not contact the veterans

nor does it receive any compensation from the production companies. All of the services V2S provides are completely free to Guardsmen and veterans.

After researching V2S, I contacted several Soldiers whom I knew were interested in commercial production. All of us took leave from National Guard duty and several of us were put to work for four days.

As the new guy, my top priority was to stay out of everyone's way. The seasoned PAs were extremely friendly and quick to show me the ropes. Like me, they were interested in the different aspects of film and commercial production. One coworker was a photographer who like to edit video. Another was a disc jockey who dabbled in production audio. A third was an actor who was working as a PA just to get his foot in the door.

I might have worked on the commercial solely for the amazing meals provided to the production assistants. I thought the lunch on our first day of work may have been a special, one-time meal to welcome the new employees. The lunch included grilled chicken on pasta with fresh vegetables, salad and assorted meats. I took advantage of the "all you could eat" offer. I asked one of the experienced PAs on the third day of the shoot if the extraordinary meals were commonplace and he confirmed it's normal to have great eats on set. He explained some directors realize they are demanding during stressful shots, but believe a great meal will make employees quickly forget any slights.

After my four-day stint, I bid my cohorts a show biz farewell. I did not stick around for the traditional "wrap party" due to my hour-long drive home through the elements. All of us who signed up with V2S had a great experience. I made some contacts within commercial production, experienced something new, had fun and got paid. I hope the commercial production team calls me again next winter.

For information on getting your own foot into the door of commercial production, visit the V2S web page at <https://vets2set.org/>.

# Nevada Air Guard highlights exemplary service in annual award ceremonies

By 1st Lt. Emerson Marcus  
152 Airlift Wing

RENO — Airman Jessica Santella emerged as the winner from a field of deserving nominees to capture the title of 2019 Airman of the Year when the top award winners in the Nevada Air Guard were recognized during a ceremony at the Atlantis Resort Casino in February.

The Non-commissioned Officer of the Year award went to Sgt. Brian Skach and Master Sgt. Lyle Smith was named the Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year.

Capt. Lewis Roberts received the Company Grade Officer of the Year award.

Earlier in the winter, the Nevada Air Guard recognized its top performing Airmen during its annual award ceremony at the Nevada Air National Guard Base in Reno.

The award ceremony provides an opportunity for the Nevada Air Guard to recognize its top performers in the categories of duty performance, safety, diversity and inclusion, and exemplary service. It also allows the Nevada Air Guard to recognize its community partners and thank them for their support.

The following were the categories and award winners in the order they were presented during the early-winter ceremony on the base:

- ‘Top Shot’ from the Adjutant General’s Marksmanship Match:

**Master Sgt. Michael Moore**

- Recruiter of the Year:

**Tech. Sgt. Chelsea Canaday**

- Diversity Award:

**Chief Master Sgt. Angela Ash**

- NGB Excellence in Diversity, Best Air National Guard Unit:

**152nd Maintenance Group**

- Safety Awards:

**Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Sarkis, Tech. Sgt. Christopher Crossley and Senior Airman Victoria Stapledon**

- Chiefs Council Award:

**Key Volunteer Team**

(Angie Solberg, Erin Dorsett, Brooke Morrison, Jeanette Brun, Sandelle Mancilla, Sara Schweppe, Tim Schweppe, Caroline Cousineau, Michon Baker-Faenza, Kasia Jorgensen, Kelli Tanzi, Sjana Wagner, Joseph Puertos, Lena 26 / BATTLE BORN / Summer 2020



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Garrett Wake  
Lt. Col. Todd Hudson, far left, presents the 2019 Safety Award to, l to r, Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Sarkis, Senior Airman Victoria Stapledon and Tech. Sgt. Christopher Crossley of the 152nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron during the 2019 awards ceremony in January in Reno. The three Airmen exemplified the ‘knock-it-off’ concept last autumn when they halted the launching of a C-130 showing signs of a hydraulic leak.

**Martini, Hannah Martini and Lauren Henry)**

- Chief’s Award:

**Resiliency Tactical Pause Team**

(Col. Thomas Funk, Maj. Donny Crandell, Allison Pratt, Jason Stoner, Dr. Carl Starr, Amanda Turner, Harrison Hayes, Lisa Ruggerio, Kim Donohue, Shannon Morrow, Brandon Cassinelli, Danica Pierce, Rachel Mormon, Keith Pleich, Scott Johnson, Christy Butler, Sparks Mayor Ron Smith and Sparks Councilman Paul Anderson)

The Commander’s Excellence Awards is presented annually by each respective commander in the Nevada Air Guard to deserving Airmen: Here are the 2019 recipients:

- State Headquarters:

**Senior Master Sgt. Laura Magee**

- 152nd Airlift Wing:

**Staff Sgt. Matthew Greiner**

- 152nd Maintenance Group:

**Aircraft No. 93-7314 Maintenance Recovery Team**

(Lt. Shawn Zielinski, Senior Master Sgt. Michael Hignite, Master Sgt. Joel Garza, Master Sgt. Linden Maples, Tech Sgt Mathew Chanez, Staff Sgt. Jeffrey McLemore, Staff Sgt. Phillip Lee and Staff Sgt. Jake Garfinkle)

- 152nd Mission Support Group:

**The 10 152nd Logistic Readiness Squadron NCOs who stepped up in the absence of a commander in 2019**

(Chief Master Sgt. James Ross, Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Linton, Senior Master Sgt. Jeanie Beck, Senior Master Sgt. Jonathan Baker, Senior Master Sgt. Rommie Brown, Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey McCusker, Senior Master Sgt. Jordan Clark, Master Sgt. Anthony Henry, Master Sgt. Gary Mireles and Master Sgt. Michelle Rauch)

- 152nd Medical Group:

**1st Lt. Ian McEwen, 2nd Lt. Brandon Encallado, Tech. Sgt. Alex Howe, Tech. Sgt. Jay Pascua, Tech Sgt. Janalee Morris, Staff Sgt. Giovanna Libby, Staff Sgt. Breanna Zulz and Senior Airman Mayra Rodriguez**

- 152nd Operations Group:

**Intel Tactics Team**

(Capt. Lewis Roberts, Capt. Jessica Sarradet, 1st Lt. Alexander Millar, Master Sgt. Christopher Bernard, Staff Sgt. Kathryn Hernandez, Staff Sgt. Kayla Hudson, Staff Sgt. Ryan Ross, Senior Airman Olivia Kennedy, Senior Airman Nico Ambata, Maj. Kyle Carraher, Capt. Megan Curry and Staff Sgt. Matthew Fickus).

The quarterly nominees and finalists for the Airman of the Year, NCO of the Year, Senior NCO of the Year and Company Grade Officer of the Year were announced during the January ceremony on the base before the winners were named in February.

Senior Airman Shalee Meier, Senior Airman Joshua Adams and Staff Sgt. Matthew Greiner were Airmen of the Year nominees; Tech Sgt. Joshua Noles and Tech Sgt. Sean Bird were NCO of the Year finalists; Master Sgt. Wayne Bejosano, Master Sgt. Chris Bernard and Master Sgt. Kraig Kimball were Senior NCO of the Year nominees; and Maj. Kyle Carraher, Capt. Joshua Rogers and Capt. Megan Curry were finalists in the officer category.





## Child & Youth Program: Unlimited opportunities

By Sgt. Zandra Duran  
Joint Force Headquarters

RENO — “The Child and Youth Program is an awesome place for youth to discover and explore new opportunities,” says Delana Cardenas, the Nevada Guard’s lead Child & Youth Program coordinator.

The mission of the National Guard Child & Youth Program is to promote and sustain the quality of life and improve resiliency among National Guard member’s dependent children and youth by providing secure, timely, flexible, high-quality support services and enrichment programs.

The CYP supports all Nevada National Guard service members and their families. Soldiers and Airmen must balance the competing demands of parenting and military service, particularly challenging in today’s environment of high operations tempo, increased numbers of deployments, and longer periods of time away from home. The National Guard is committed to serving the Soldiers’ and Airmen’s families by reaching out and assisting them through robust child youth programs.

CYP provides developmentally appropriate life skills education to National Guard youth and creates partnerships for opportunities to participate in programs, events, and activities geared toward the behavioral and physical health and welfare of periods.

CYP infuses resiliency and leadership skills and techniques into all National Guard child and youth programming.

CYP also builds outreach and sustains contact with parents/legal guardians and children of the National Guard to create awareness of available support services and programs.

The CYP hosts the state youth council that consists of teenage children, ages 13-17, of Nevada Army and Air members. These youth are the voice



Courtesy Child & Youth Program  
Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry, far right, takes time out for a photo with Nevada Guard dependents during a recent Child & Youth event.

of all military kids in Nevada.

CYP hosts Youth Leadership Camps that are week-long summer camps specifically designed for Air and Army National Guard kids between the ages of 9-12 years old. Youth learn leadership skills and have a chance to build relationships with other military kids.

The CYP staff team is an experienced team with diverse backgrounds, experiences and knowledge. Delana Cardenas, the lead Child & Youth Program coordinator, is deeply passionate about her position and loves youth. Ryan Wickes, the northern coordinator, has three young boys and they keep him on his toes. Cate Summers, the state family programs director, is an avid outdoor enthusiast. The three have two things in common: They are all passionate about their work and agree all military youth are heroes.

For information in southern Nevada, call 702-235-8803. For information in northern Nevada, call 775-291-7853.

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enter. When she said military intelligence, he planted the idea of joining the Armor branch in her mind.

“When Major Chavez started asking questions, a lot of my answers began guiding me toward ‘cav,’” Schumacher said. “I hadn’t really thought about going into Armor because it was based in Las Vegas, but the more he talked about it, the more I realized it was the best career path I could take.

“And tanks are super cool. Why would anyone not choose Armor?”

In order to confirm Schumacher’s preliminary decision to join the Armor ranks, Officer Strength Manager Maj. David Connelly and Chavez arranged for Schumacher to drill for a weekend with D Company.

“Everyone wanted to make sure it was a good fit,” Schumacher said. “A new female Soldier in a traditionally male military occupation is a delicate situation.

“I was drawn to armor from the beginning. I just clicked with the whole atmosphere. The Soldiers in the unit have been amazing.”

Schumacher said there was no time to

ease into her position as platoon leader. After completing her five-month long Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Benning, she returned to Delta Company just in time for its annual training in June 2019 at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California. It was a trying training period, as Sgt. 1st Class David Gallagher, a tank commander in another platoon, died in a tank rollover accident.

“I think I proved I was more than a female Soldier, but rather a competent officer,” Schumacher said.

Connelly and Chavez agree Schumacher has the makings for a fine Armor officer, regardless of gender.

“Schumacher is a quality officer who was going to be successful in any position,” said Connelly. “It just so happens that she’s blazing trails in Armor in today’s gender-neutral military.”

“She made the right choice choosing Armor,” Chavez said.

**For information on joining the 1-221st Cavalry or acquiring a combat arms job, call 775-720-8940.**

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Afghanistan.

When the squadron’s Forward Support Company was established in 2011, dozens of support jobs opened to female Soldiers. The positions in combat arms occupations, such as scout and armor crewman, remained closed however.

Following Defense Secretary Ash Carter’s 2015 declaration that women would be integrated into combat roles, 1st Lt. Amanda Kemberling made Nevada Army Guard history by becoming the state’s first female combat arms officer. Kemberling, who transferred to the Texas Army Guard earlier this year, is a field artillery officer and she served as the squadron’s fire support officer in recent years.

Today, with female Soldiers in key leadership positions, including Forward Support Company commander Capt. Michelle Tucay and squadron maintenance officer Capt. Tana Gurule, it’s certain that the next 1-221st Cavalry combat deployment will feature – and be led by – female Soldiers.

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## Meritorious Service Medal



Maj Melissa Beauchamp ..... 152nd Force Support Sqd  
Maj Barton Boma ..... 192nd Airlift Sqd  
SFC Nathaniel Borja ..... 421st RTI  
SSG Brian Bradley ..... Recruiting & Retention  
MSgt Jason Cambell ..... 152nd Coms Flight  
MSgt Sherri Clark ..... 152nd Airlift Wing  
MAJ David Connolly ..... Recruiting & Retention  
CPT Brian Crouse ..... 422nd ESB  
SGT Conor Czyzniejewski ..... 422nd ESB  
SPC Tyler Davis ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
SGT Paul Duncan JR ..... Recruiting & Retention  
MSgt Matthew Farley ..... 152nd Security Forces Sqd  
SFC Ilda Grimmer ..... 991st Aviation Troop Com  
SMSgt Jason Huth ..... 152nd Mission Support Group  
SSG Joseph Palomino ..... 421st RTI  
MSG Elias Perez ..... Recruiting & Retention  
SFC Ronald Portillo JR ..... Recruiting & Retention  
SFC Philip Risi ..... 422nd ESB  
MSgt Daphne Ross ..... Air Guard HQ  
SFC Cristian Strong ..... 17th SB  
CPT David Tole ..... JFHQ  
COL Eric Wishart ..... JFHQ

## Army Commendation Medal



SPC Karim Arafa ..... 1864th Trans Co  
CW2 David Aukeman ..... 3/140th Aviation Det  
LTC Laura Boldry ..... JFHQ  
SGT Quinton Bulloch ..... 3/140th Aviation Det  
SPC Nathaniel Clark ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
SSG John Cooley ..... 2/238th Aviation Det  
SPC Ivan Coronalezoya ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
CPT Benjamin Delapaz ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
SPC Aldo Delatorre ..... 1/189th Aviation Co  
SFC Alejandro Delpozo ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
SFC Nicholas Hammond ..... 2/238th Aviation Det  
SFC Heather Harris ..... Recruiting & Retention  
SGT Michael Knight ..... 3/140th Aviation Det  
SFC Christopher Laduca ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
SFC Chad Lewis ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
SGT Andrew Lynch ..... 3/140th Aviation Det  
CW2 Steven Minifie ..... 2/238th Aviation Det  
SFC Bradley Nelson ..... 3665th Ordnance Co  
SFC Mike Nguyen ..... Recruiting & Retention  
WO1 Benjamin Schinzing ..... JFHQ  
SSG Race Shelton ..... 3/140th Aviation Det  
SGT Andrew Silveroli ..... 2/238th Aviation Det  
SPC Paris Smith ..... 3/140th Aviation Det  
SSG Mercedes Taimanglo ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
CPT Derrick Tang ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
CPL Rudolf Wosic ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
SGT Jonah Younghaines ..... 2/238th Aviation Det  
1SG Joshua Zamzow ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop

## Air Force Commendation Medal



TSgt Anthony Haley ..... 152nd Security Forces Sqd  
TSgt Patrick Hall ..... 152nd Security Forces Sqd  
SSgt Michael Moore ..... 152nd Security Forces Sqd

## Army Achievement Medal



PV2 Kvon Anderson ..... 17th SB  
2LT Elijah Armstrong ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
SPC Jazmin Arteagaibanez ..... Recruiting & Retention  
SPC Joshua Bales ..... 991st Aviation Troop Com  
SFC Stephen Belcher ..... Recruiting & Retention  
SPC Curtis Bender ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
SGT Joshua Bigham ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
SPC Ernie Calderon ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
SPC Erik Chan ..... 1-148th Field Artillery Reg  
SSG Brad Clodfelter ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
SPC Christopher Connors ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
SGT Michael Consul ..... 3/140th Aviation Det  
SFC Brandon Copley ..... 1-221st Cav D Troop  
SGT Christopher Cordoba ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
SPC Erik Delmar JR ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
SPC Ashton Dessert ..... 150th Maint Co  
SPC Bailey Dibenedetto ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
SGT Paul Duncan JR ..... Recruiting & Retention  
SGT Mark Dunn ..... 240th Engineer Co  
PFC Louis Durano ..... 609th Engineer Co  
SSG James Eddings ..... 1864th Trans Co  
SPC Joseph Edwards ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
SSG David Ellis ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
SGT Neil Espinoza ..... 3/140th Aviation Det  
SGT Edwin Fabela ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
SGT Erick Fabela ..... 1-221st Cav D Troop  
SPC William Famin IV ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
SPC Adam Flores ..... 3/140th Aviation Det  
SFC John Foley JR ..... Recruiting & Retention  
2LT Gary Furney ..... 1-148th Field Artillery Reg  
PFC Nicolas Gilbert SR ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
SPC Ivan Gomez ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
1LT Kelly Gonzales ..... 757th CSSB  
CPT Kandace Gonzales ..... JFHQ  
SGT Jose Gonzalez II ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
SGT Keahi Granstrom ..... 1864th Trans Co  
SPC Nichole Gunther ..... 100th Quartermaster Co  
SGT Zachary Hair ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
SSG Jessica Hana ..... 150th Maint Co  
SGT Daniel Hancock ..... 1-221st Cav D Troop  
PFC Michael Hanson ..... 1859th Trans Co  
SGT Todd Hensley ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
SSG Nicholas Humphrey ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
CPL Anthony Jenner ..... 1864th Trans Co  
SGT David Jensen ..... 2/238th Aviation Det  
SPC Anthony Johnson ..... 1-221st Cav D Troop  
CPL Tyler Jones ..... 1-221st Cav D Troop  
SPC Brandon Justice ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
SSG Michael Kostak ..... JFHQ  
SGT Matthew Lagrone ..... Recruiting & Retention  
1LT Daniel Lane ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
SFC Rutilio Lara ..... 609th Engineer Co  
PFC Thairras Laxton ..... 3/140th Aviation Det  
SSG Scott Leavitt ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
SGT Saxton Lee ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
CW2 Stephen Lee ..... 3/140th Aviation Det  
PV2 Sydney Libbyhahn ..... 593rd Trans Co  
CPL Chris Linares ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
PFC Dakotah Macdonald ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
SPC Andrea Maria ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
SSG William Mariona ..... Recruiting & Retention  
SGT Kerry Marriott ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
SPC Jason Martinez ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
PV2 Alfonso Martinez ..... 150th Maint Co  
SSG Adalberto Martinez ..... 3/140th Aviation Det  
PFC Josiah Medina ..... 777th Eng Det  
SPC Juan Mendoza ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
SPC Chandler Mesinar ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop

SGT Richard Mirabelli ..... 72nd MP  
SPC Andres Miranda ..... 1864th Trans Co  
SPC Manuel Monroy ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
SPC Cesar Montalvo-Guerra ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
SSG Kyle Morse ..... 1-221st Cav D Troop  
SGT David Mosse JR ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
SGT Dezirae Narvaez ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
PFC Jarrett Nilsen ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
SGT Ricardo Nungaray ..... 1864th Trans Co  
SSG James Oconnor ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
PFC Christian Oh ..... 1-221st Cav D Troop  
SPC Gildardo Pena JR ..... 1-221st Cav D Troop  
SPC Rafael Perea JR ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
SPC Marlon PortilloLinares ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
SPC Justin Ramirez ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
1LT Thomas Robb ..... 1-221st Cav D Troop  
SPC Johan Rosales ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
SPC Alexandra Ruizrivera ..... 3/140th Aviation Det  
SGT Steve Sanson JR ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
SPC Hector Santana JR ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
SPC Hunter Schultz ..... 3/140th Aviation Det  
SFC Nicholas Scobert ..... 3/140th Aviation Det  
SGT Lindsey Scott ..... Med Det  
PFC Christopher Shapiro ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
SPC Xavier Shuberda ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
SPC Alejandro Silva ..... 145th Forward Support Co  
SGT Landon Smiley ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
SPC Paris Smith ..... 3/140th Aviation Det  
SPC Octavio Solorzano ..... 593rd Trans Co  
SPC Joseph Stelletello ..... 593rd Trans Co  
PFC Manuel Suaybaguio ..... 1-221st Cav D Troop  
SGT Christian Tijerina ..... 1-221st Cav D Troop  
SPC Clifton Valentine ..... 1864th Trans Co  
SPC Jerome Versola ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
SPC Marycarmen Villalpandoortiz ..... 145th Fwd Support Co  
SPC Benjamin Visser ..... 3/140th Aviation Det  
SPC Shane Webber ..... 1-221st Cav B Troop  
SSG William Wills III ..... 1-221st Cav HHT  
PFC Gilberto Yorba JR ..... 1864th Trans Co  
SPC Cyrus Zacarias ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop  
SGT Robert Zamzow ..... 3/140th Aviation Det  
SPC Luis Zarate ..... 1-221st Cav A Troop

## Air Force Achievement Medal



MSG Cameron Anderson ..... JFHQ  
SSG Brian Bradley ..... Recruiting & Retention  
SGT Francis Champa ..... 1-221st Cav C Troop  
SrA Mathew Doyle ..... 152nd Security Forces Sqd  
SMSgt Paul Hinen ..... 152nd Security Forces Sqd

# PROMOTIONS

### COL/Col

Joyce Anacker ..... Med Det

### LTC/Lt Col

Joseph Claros ..... Headquarters & Special Troop  
Curtis Kolvet ..... JFHQ  
Flora Phipps ..... Med Det

### MAJ/Maj

Shay Gilliam ..... 152nd Airlift Wing  
Carly Schlottmann ..... 152nd Intel Sqd  
Johannes Lamprecht ..... 92nd CST  
Brian Crouse ..... Headquarters  
Phillip Gingrich ..... JFHQ



## CPT/Capt

Jamee Finley	Headquarters
Micah Gill	Headquarters
Tana Gurule	Headquarters
John Lorman	JFHQ
Jose Madrid	Joint/Area Signal Co
John Quigley	Med Det

## 1LT/1st LT

Amanda Kemberling	1-148th Field Artillery Reg
Michael Flury	1-221 Cavalry
Milan Lincoln	1-221 Cavalry
Daneil Correa	1859th Trans Co
Francisca Vega	422nd ESB
Anya Rigoni	593rd Trans Co
Lynne Mcchrysal	Headquarters & Special Troop
Brian Grevenkamp	Joint/Area Signal Co
Ryanchristian Castano	Med Det

## 2LT/2nd LT

Kellan Jenkins	1-221 Cavalry
Davis Legaspidauid	1859th Trans Co
Wesley Roberts	1859th Trans Co
Cory Sharp	1859th Trans Co
Montoya Scott	422nd ESB
Austin Makowski	609th Engineer Co
Chaz Fernandez	Headquarters
Samirah Jooma	Headquarters
Travis Roberts	Headquarters
Allison Ward	Headquarters
Patricia Carney	Med Det
Haley Peterson	Med Det
Jada Wilson	Med Det

## CW4

Casey Akins	641st Aviation Reg Bat 02 Rear
Kevin Keeler	Det 1 D Co Bat 3
Karen Harris	JFHQ
Zachary Mcpherson	JFHQ

## CW3

Patrick Quinn	150th Ordnance Co
Nicholas Graf	1859th Trans Co
Scott Taylor	2/238th Aviation Det
Cassidy Hollowell	B Company, 1/189th Aviation

## CW2

Allison Mangosing	Headquarters
Don Small JR	Headquarters
Kimberly Delaune	Headquarters & Special Troop

## CW1

Nathan Capps	2/238th Aviation Det
Grant Muzzio	AUGOE Heavy Helicopter Co
Sean Phelps	Det 1 B Co Bat 3

## CSM/SGM/CMSgt

Michael Spaulding	JFHQ
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## 1SG/MSG/SMSGt

Steven Grossman	1-221 Cavalry
Timothy Schweppe	152nd Airlift Wing
Michael Hignite	152nd Avn. Maint. Sqd
Jordan Clark	152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd
Shawn Fidler	1859th Trans Co
Charles Davis	192nd Airlift Sqd
Robert Jester	421st RTI
Donald Welch JR	421st RTI
Philip Risi	Headquarters
Ricky Ard	Headquarters & Special Troop
Joseph Rourke	Headquarters & Special Troop
Richard Jerrell	JFHQ
Roseanne Kemp	JFHQ
Eric Hintermeyer	Joint/Area Signal Co
Michellejoy Ochoa	Recruiting & Retention

## SFC/MSgt

Talia Whittle	137th MP
Ana Vega	150th Ordnance Co
William Boekenoogen	152nd Intel Sqd
Eric Mckenzie	152nd Maint Sqd
Terry Wise	152nd Maint Sqd
Alex Norris	152nd Mission Support Group
Christopher Hessler	152nd Ops Support Sqd
Jonathan Turner	152nd Ops Support Sqd
William Suminski	421st RTI
Frank Nash	609th Engineer Co
Christopher Breuer	Headquarters
Paul Jones	Headquarters
Nicholas Mapes	Headquarters & Special Troop

Robyn Connolly	JFHQ
Cassandra Holmes	JFHQ
Danielle Meadows	JFHQ
Vera Salazar	JFHQ
Linda Nelson	Joint/Area Signal Co
Teresa Dennington	Med Det
Brian Bradley	Recruiting & Retention

## SSG/TSgt

Joshua Giordano	100th Quartermaster Co
Frank Duran	1-221 Cavalry
Kerry Marriott	1-221 Cavalry
Adam Preston	1-221 Cavalry
Hector Ruiz JR	1-221 Cavalry
Willie Sosa JR	1-221 Cavalry
Jhian Tinoco	1-221 Cavalry
Dustin Andersoncontenti	137th MP
Jesse Mainzer	152nd Intel Sqd
Eric Cawthern	1859th Trans Co
Nicole Shepherd	1859th Trans Co
Joel Fields	232nd Ops Sqd
Michael Williams	232nd Ops Sqd
Joshua Bowen	240th Engineer Co
Marie Bole	421st RTI
Eliseo Barreras JR	593rd Trans Co
Michael Swaney JR	Det 1 D Co Bat 1
George Downey	Headquarters
Jeffrey Flores	Headquarters
Charron Hernandez	Headquarters
Jessica Weaver	Headquarters
Stephen Kopylcheck	Headquarters & Special Troop
Jake Boholst V	JFHQ
Nathanial Pouloupoulos	JFHQ
Benjamin Alves	Joint/Area Singnal Co
Jessica Orison	Joint/Area Singnal Co
Ty Shelton	Joint/Area Singnal Co
Melissa Walker	Med Det
Matthew Lagrone	Recruiting & Retention
Damjan Ristoski	Recruiting & Retention
Garry Willis II	Recruiting & Retention

## SGT/SSgt

April Diliberto	100th Quartermaster Co
Teyona Watt	100th Quartermaster Co
Chansen Bonifacio	1-221 Cavalry
Christopher Connors	1-221 Cavalry
Gino Delgado	1-221 Cavalry
Brennen Jackson	1-221 Cavalry
Edgar Jordan	1-221 Cavalry
Samantha Jovellanos	1-221 Cavalry
Chris Linares	1-221 Cavalry
Manuel Monroy	1-221 Cavalry
Daniel Sheahan	1-221 Cavalry
Timothy Spaur	1-221 Cavalry
Evelyn Rosasflores	150th Ordnance Co
Joshua Cash	152nd Intel Sqd
Russell Maddock	152nd Intel Sqd
Jessica Struckman	152nd Intel Sqd
Vanessa Carter	1859th Trans Co
Allison Curtis	1859th Trans Co
James Eddings	1859th Trans Co
Jackson Esparza	1859th Trans Co
Jeremiah Reyes	1859th Trans Co
Joseph Protexter	232nd Ops Sqd
Byronjames Crisostomo	240th Engineer Co
Gregory Emerson	240th Engineer Co
Manuel Montes III	240th Engineer Co
Alexander Benhase	422nd ESB
Sean Harasti	422nd ESB
Michael Stanko	422nd ESB
Ruben Lozano	593rd Trans Co
Matthew Morales	593rd Trans Co
Jorge Robles	593rd Trans Co
Joshua Tuando	593rd Trans Co
Joseph Weber	593rd Trans Co
Cindy Roblestrejo	609th Engineer Co
Jose Saenzcazares	609th Engineer Co
Daniel Sevilla	609th Engineer Co
Humberto Amezcua	72nd MP
Jose Vargas	72nd MP
Rjhun Rimom	92nd CST
Alyssa Grew	Det 6 D Co Bat 2
Samuel Hunt	Det 6 E Co Bat 2
Joshua Bales	Headquarters
Shayne Fulmer	Headquarters
Camron Hansen	Headquarters
Larry Jones III	Headquarters

Alison Martindale	Headquarters
Chay Rhodes	Headquarters
Anna Sahagunsotres	Headquarters
Haylee Miller	Headquarters & Special Troop
Amar Radden	Headquarters & Special Troop
Keith Whelan	Headquarters & Special Troop
William Wills III	Headquarters & Special Troop
Jason Davis	JFHQ
Deborah Hurtado	JFHQ
Joshua Mauldin	Joint/Area Signal Co
Sean Rawlins	Joint/Area Signal Co
Joey Lopez	Med Det
Rosa Anayarodrigues	Recruiting & Retention
Benjamin Visser	Recruiting & Retention
Kristina Bloodgood	Squadron Headquarters

# ACCESSIONS

*Includes: New enlistments, transfers from other states/active duty and newly commissioned officers.*

Erik Martinez	1/189th Aviation Co
Katherine Tubiello	1/189th Aviation Co
Megan Velez	1/189th Aviation Co
Grecia Barahona-Mendoza	100th Quartermaster Co
Kobe Bongxay	100th Quartermaster Co
Jason Collinbourne	100th Quartermaster Co
Mcleavens Eugene	100th Quartermaster Co
Bethania Gonzalez	100th Quartermaster Co
Donevan Holley	100th Quartermaster Co
Xzayvier Kelley	100th Quartermaster Co
Tiauna Krieger	100th Quartermaster Co
Ludwig Kuhulgan	100th Quartermaster Co
Ladasha Minorlia	100th Quartermaster Co
Seth Monterde	100th Quartermaster Co
Tywayne Richardson	100th Quartermaster Co
Esmeralda Rodriguez	100th Quartermaster Co
Mariam Savage	100th Quartermaster Co
Ricci Tamariz	100th Quartermaster Co
Brian Trinidad	100th Quartermaster Co
Luis Valdez	100th Quartermaster Co
Tiya Wang	100th Quartermaster Co
Jackie Zhang	100th Quartermaster Co
Tracie Davis	106th PAD
Nathan Castro	1-221st Cav A Troop
Clyde Gutierrez	1-221st Cav A Troop
Lozano Guzman	1-221st Cav A Troop
Kyle Hayes	1-221st Cav A Troop
Shawn Paul	1-221st Cav A Troop
Carlos Reginaldo	1-221st Cav A Troop
Nicholas Rivera	1-221st Cav A Troop
Jake Vanderheiden	1-221st Cav A Troop
Isaiah Elizarraraz II	1-221st Cav B Troop
Kenry Esparza	1-221st Cav B Troop
Elijah Godronwood	1-221st Cav B Troop
Taevian Jacobs	1-221st Cav B Troop
Kellan Jenkins	1-221st Cav B Troop
Sam King	1-221st Cav B Troop
Chrisjon Obtina	1-221st Cav B Troop
Alexandar Waddle	1-221st Cav B Troop
Enrique Carrillo	1-221st Cav C Troop
Ramiro Feria JR	1-221st Cav C Troop
Dylan Kirkendall	1-221st Cav C Troop
Mark Montoya	1-221st Cav C Troop
Adam Smedley	1-221st Cav C Troop
John Todaro	1-221st Cav C Troop
Shay Warren	1-221st Cav C Troop
Zachary Weight	1-221st Cav C Troop
Georgea Connors	1-221st Cav D Troop
Jesse Corona	1-221st Cav D Troop
Chaz Fernandez	1-221st Cav D Troop
Donald Furman	1-221st Cav D Troop
Shyanne Godronwood	1-221st Cav D Troop
Camron Hansen	1-221st Cav D Troop
Kaila Harvey	1-221st Cav D Troop
Larry Jones III	1-221st Cav D Troop
Mason Keeling	1-221st Cav D Troop
Gabrielle Kubina	1-221st Cav D Troop
Hayden Lienau	1-221st Cav D Troop
Faith Madison	1-221st Cav D Troop
Luisalejandro Padro	1-221st Cav D Troop
Jordan Shaw	1-221st Cav D Troop
Javier Villalobos	1-221st Cav D Troop
Jennifer Aguilar	145th Forward Support Co
Martin Altamirano	145th Forward Support Co

Mariah Anthony	145th Forward Support Co	Raymond Marquez IV	1864th Trans Co	Jose Saenzcazares	609th Engineer Co
Aleah Baldonado	145th Forward Support Co	Ray Punohu	1864th Trans Co	Austin Smith	609th Engineer Co
Marcus Basped	145th Forward Support Co	Bailey Vermillion	1864th Trans Co	Fernandez Villarreal E	609th Engineer Co
Glenn Cabillo	145th Forward Support Co	Deun Villanueva	1864th Trans Co	Hailey Wilson	609th Engineer Co
Jeremiegemboy Calma	145th Forward Support Co	Keun Villanueva	1864th Trans Co	Jenifer Zecena	609th Engineer Co
Benjamin Chancharoenroj	145th Forward Support Co	Weiwun Wu	1864th Trans Co	Jonathan Ayres	72nd MP
Ricky Chen	145th Forward Support Co	Boyan Alexandrov	192nd Airlift Sqd	Victor Baena	72nd MP
Bryansamuel Delacruz	145th Forward Support Co	David Anderson	192nd Airlift Sqd	Sergio Ballesteros	72nd MP
Justin Grimes	145th Forward Support Co	Timothy Parker	192nd Airlift Sqd	Jaime Chavez JR	72nd MP
Destiny Hasandavis	145th Forward Support Co	Kimo Awaseann	2/238th Aviation Det	Evan Cook	72nd MP
Amber Hay	145th Forward Support Co	Nathan Capps	2/238th Aviation Det	Zachary Cutting	72nd MP
Brennen Jackson	145th Forward Support Co	Kendall Goldsworthy	2/238th Aviation Det	Joshua Deguzman	72nd MP
Joselyn Medina	145th Forward Support Co	Adam Mastrantonio	2/238th Aviation Det	Javier Flores	72nd MP
Justinejoy Nicolas	145th Forward Support Co	Mackenzie Miller	2/238th Aviation Det	Perez Hernandez	72nd MP
Sire Prince	145th Forward Support Co	Jacob Prince	2/238th Aviation Det	Ginielle Leonen	72nd MP
Jacob Rowe	145th Forward Support Co	Baylee Robinson	2/238th Aviation Det	Masani Lisberg	72nd MP
Oscar Saucedo	145th Forward Support Co	Luis Cesena	240th Engineer Co	Michaeldominique Mota	72nd MP
Lucerobereely Sosa	145th Forward Support Co	Skylar Copp	240th Engineer Co	Joshue Narvaez	72nd MP
Olga Teague	145th Forward Support Co	Gregory Emerson	240th Engineer Co	Alyssa Padilla	72nd MP
Melvanah Eddy	150th Maint Co	Richard Holt	240th Engineer Co	Edwar Perezcruz	72nd MP
Kieren Fordabbott	150th Maint Co	Manuel Montes III	240th Engineer Co	Diego Pineda	72nd MP
Pallares Herrera	150th Maint Co	Jerry Orellana	240th Engineer Co	Angel Salasramirez	72nd MP
Claire Holloway	150th Maint Co	Santiago Rodriguez	240th Engineer Co	Damian Strom	72nd MP
Cheyanna Howard	150th Maint Co	Marcus Valdez	240th Engineer Co	John Tobin III	72nd MP
Luke Klein	150th Maint Co	Jesse Luna	3/140th Aviation Det	Sierra White	72nd MP
Jacob Livengood	150th Maint Co	Juan Mayorga	3/140th Aviation Det	David Lacerda JR	757th CSSB
Candice Triplett	150th Maint Co	Sean Phelps	3/140th Aviation Det	Katrin Lamprecht	991st Aviation Troop Com
Desiree Broussard	152nd Airlift Wing	Wesley Robb	3/140th Aviation Det	Christopher Agueromejia	JFHQ
Bryan Art	152nd Intel Sqd	Yinchu Jiang	3665th Ordnance Co (EOD)	Phillip Gingrich	JFHQ
Taylor Paxton	152nd Intel Sqd	Anthony Kamminga	3665th Ordnance Co (EOD)	Cassandra Holmes	JFHQ
Francisco Cancino	17th SB	Nattaly Acevedo	422nd ESB	Candious Ballard	Med Det
Jackie Chen	17th SB	Mitzy Bello	422nd ESB	Patricia Carney	Med Det
Sarah Jimenez	17th SB	Christina Brase	422nd ESB	Ryanchristian Castano	Med Det
Esther Kariuki	17th SB	Nimsi Bustos-Ramirez	422nd ESB	Teresa Dennington	Med Det
Stephen Kopylcheck	17th SB	Chasen Carter	422nd ESB	Lewis Duchene	Med Det
Jazz Marin	17th SB	Kywren Chase	422nd ESB	Hannah Gray	Med Det
Daniela Martin-Valdivia	17th SB	Zavala Delgado	422nd ESB	Ramirez Palomino	Med Det
Lynne Mcchrystal	17th SB	Morgan Ebberts	422nd ESB	Haley Peterson	Med Det
Karla Mejia	17th SB	Fuentes Farias	422nd ESB	John Quigley	Med Det
Veronica Menchaca-Enriquez	17th SB	Michael Felgar	422nd ESB	Jada Wilson	Med Det
Shyla Molano	17th SB	Adam Graft	422nd ESB	Garry Willis II	Recruiting & Retention
Lorena Palosgaeta	17th SB	Mark Jimenez	422nd ESB		
Jeremy Schor	17th SB	Edward Larue JR	422nd ESB		
Janely Vacaavalos	17th SB	Gioan Le	422nd ESB		
Dillon Wheeler	17th SB	Jay Lobederioronin	422nd ESB		
Keith Whelan	17th SB	Valeria Miranda	422nd ESB		
Hakeem Williams	17th SB	Andres Perez	422nd ESB		
Myrella Angrisaniramos	1859th Trans Co	Chandler Pong	422nd ESB		
Serobie Bruce	1859th Trans Co	Karley Proctor	422nd ESB		
Allison Curtis	1859th Trans Co	Christian Rivera	422nd ESB		
Cade Davidson	1859th Trans Co	Canales Rodarte	422nd ESB		
Seth Fens	1859th Trans Co	Franz Rodriguez	422nd ESB		
Evelyn Garcia-Barragan	1859th Trans Co	Jason Rosolon	422nd ESB		
Marianna Grayer	1859th Trans Co	Toby Salas	422nd ESB		
William Iaeger	1859th Trans Co	Fatima Sanchez	422nd ESB		
Ezekiel Lawrencebilyeu	1859th Trans Co	Montoya Scott	422nd ESB		
Alondra Lopez	1859th Trans Co	Michelle Troncoco	422nd ESB		
Dakota Lorber	1859th Trans Co	Tyler Twohig	422nd ESB		
Bernardo Macias	1859th Trans Co	Adan Ugalde	422nd ESB		
Antonio Muro	1859th Trans Co	Nancy Valdivia	422nd ESB		
John Padua	1859th Trans Co	Allison Ward	422nd ESB		
Nicholas Poalillo	1859th Trans Co	Stephanie Arredondo	593rd Trans Co		
Wesley Roberts	1859th Trans Co	Hooks Artis	593rd Trans Co		
Grason Rosa	1859th Trans Co	Carmen Castillo-Zarate	593rd Trans Co		
Cory Sharp	1859th Trans Co	Mejia Chavez	593rd Trans Co		
Parker Spencer	1859th Trans Co	Martinez Crisanto	593rd Trans Co		
Eric Tate JR	1859th Trans Co	Xavier Fuamatu	593rd Trans Co		
Adriana Valenzuela	1859th Trans Co	Phoebekeate Insong	593rd Trans Co		
Rylie Wheeler	1859th Trans Co	Jorge Robles	593rd Trans Co		
Kenia Zelaya-Callejas	1859th Trans Co	Braden Zora	593rd Trans Co		
Pasha Bryant-Weaver	1864th Trans Co	Dylan Fisher	609th Engineer Co		
Peter Cytanovic VI	1864th Trans Co	Cody Graham	609th Engineer Co		
Shawn Gallagher	1864th Trans Co	Roberto Hernandez	609th Engineer Co		
Jordi Garibay	1864th Trans Co	Brandon Lemus	609th Engineer Co		
Jose Guerrero	1864th Trans Co	Austin Makowski	609th Engineer Co		
Jeremiah Hebert	1864th Trans Co	Garcia Martinez	609th Engineer Co		
Davis Legaspidavid	1864th Trans Co	Christopher Pitts	609th Engineer Co		

## RETIREMENTS

BG William Burks	JFHQ
COL Michael Glynn	JFHQ
COL Eric Wishart	JFHQ
Lt Col Shelly Assiff	152nd Airlift Wing
Lt Col April Conway	JFHQ
Lt Col Robert Hoadley	JFHQ
CMSgt Michael Drisdale	JFHQ
SMSgt Timothy Mader	232nd Ops Sqd
1SG Brian Dyer	609th Engineer Co
MSgt Jeffrey Mello	152nd Civil Eng. Sqd
MSgt Anthony Midmore	152nd Comptroller flight
MSgt Kenneth Dupree	152nd Force Support Sqd
MSgt Mark Oliver	152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd
MSgt Thomas Quaranta	152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd
MSgt Michael Martin	152nd Ops Support Sqd
MSgt David Mneely	152nd Security Forces Sqd
MSgt David Woginrich	152nd Security Forces Sqd
SFC Christopher Wing	17th SB
SFC Preston Crossman	1859th Trans Co
SFC Teresa Dennington	991st Aviation Troop Com
SFC Carmen Montes	JFHQ
SSG Gary Schlauch	1/189th Aviation Co
TSgt Bryan Millmine	152nd Security Forces Sqd
SSG Patrick Jenkinson	17th SB
SSG William Moore	17th SB
SSG Tyrone Baird	Camp Stead
SSG Jason Lashley	Camp Stead
SSgt Larry Vaughn	152nd Intel Sqd
SSgt Scott Butler	152nd Logistics Readiness Sqd
SGT Matthew Schumann	757th CSSB



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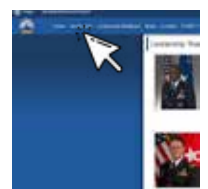
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# CALENDAR



Federal Holiday



Nevada Holiday and History



Other Events and Functions

## July 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 1851 - Gold is discovered in Gold Canyon, near Dayton.	2	3 Independence Day (Observed) 1909 - First marriage certificate is filed in Clark County.	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8 1878 - The Sutro Tunnel is completed, reaching the Comstock mines	9	10	11 1861 - Gov. James Nye proclaims the establishment of the Nev. territorial government.
12	13	14 Bastille Day: French National Day	15	16	17	18 1859 - A Utah Territory constitutional convention is held in Genoa
19	20	21 1922 - The first radio station in the state, KDZK, begins broadcasting in Reno	22	23	24	25
26 Parents' Day	27 National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day	28	29 Tisha B'Av: Jewish day of communal mourning; An annual fast day in Judaism.	30	31 Eid al-Adha: Islamic festival to commemorate Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son for Allah.	

## August 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 1906 - Work begins on V&T train track extension to Minden
2	3	4 Coast Guard Birthday	5	6	7 Purple Heart Day	8 1876 - Nev. Sen. Pat McCarran born in Reno.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 National Aviation Day	20 Muharram begins: The beginning of the Islamic New Year	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26 Women's Equality Day	27	28	29

## September 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 1906 - Gans-Nelson fight in Goldfield. Gans won the 42-round bout.	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12 1885 - Cornerstone laid for Morrill Hall, the first building at University of Nevada
13	14	15	16	17 Constitution Day and Citizenship Day 1930 - Construction begins on the Boulder Dam.	18 Air Force Birthday National POW/MIA Recognition Day	19 Rosh Hashana: The Jewish New Year
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Gold Star Mother's Day	28	29 1888 - Gov. Charles Clark Stevenson becomes first Nev. Gov. to die in office	30			

# Battle Born

3665th courtesy photo  
Soldiers with the Nevada Army Guard's 3665th Explosive Ordnance Company take time out for a unique unit photo while deployed in Asia.

